NICOSIA (R) — Iran said Sunday it hanged four U.S. "spice" on Saturday's 10th anniversary of the seizure of the American embassy in Tehran. The official news agency IRNA named them as Teuraj Riyahi, Kyanoush Hakimi Bushehri, Ardesbir Ashraf and Ibrahim Moshdaqi. They had been tried by a special military court and convicted of provious valuable secrets to the U.S. Central intelligence Agency (CIA), IRNA axid in a report received in Cyprus. Thousands of Iranians beld a "humilisation of the court of of the great satan march" to the former U.S. embassy in central Tehran of the great satan march." to the former U.S. enoussy in central vehicle Saturday to commemorate its seizure by militant students. Fifty-two of the embassy's American staff were held hostage for 444 days — the high point in the confrontation between iran's radicals and the United States. In April, President Hashemi Rafsanjani, then parliament speaker, announced that a spy ring has been broken and its members arrested in a compaign inneched after a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire halted the Iran-Iraq war Aug. 20, 1988. He and other Iranian officials have refused to give the

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Deputies ratify Arab peace plan; reelect Husseini as speaker; Hoss resigns to make way for new government

## Muawad elected Lebanese president

KLEIAT, Lebanon (Agencies) — Lebanese members of parliament elected a moderate as president of Lebanon Sunday and ratified an Arab peace plan to end 14 years of civil war.

Muawad, 64, was sworn in immediately, ending an interregum to more of more than a year.

The election was promptly denounced as illegal hy General Michel Aoun, who heads an interim government in the Christ-Parliament assembled at a run-

down airbase in Syrian controlled northern Lebanon after 30 deouties, needed to form a quorum, flew in from Paris.

Mnawad, a Maronite Christian on good terms with both Christian and Muslim leaders, has backed Muslim demands for more power in the Christian-dominated political system — a root cause of the war.

The art-loving Mnawad, was elected by unanimous vote in a second ballot with a mandate to form a national reconciliation government to end the civil war.

Its president, Hafez Al Assad,

Syria was the first foreign country to react to Muawad's election.

The new president, Rene congratulated Muawad in a telegram sent within an hour after the

> An official source in Damascus, quoted Assad as saving: "I am most glad to address to you my hearty congratulations... what was achieved today is a great accomplishment on the way to end Lebanon's long ordeal."

I pledge to you and to the forthcoming government all our backing and support," the source, who could not be identified,

quoted Assad as saying.
In the first ballot, Muawad got 35 votes. Two other parliamentarians running for the top post, George Saadeh and Elias Hrawi, withdrew after the first ballot. Saadeh, leader of the Falange

party, got 16 votes and Hrawi, a man received five. One parliamentarian abstained. Muawad needed 49 votes, or

two-thirds of parliament's surviving members, to win in the first ballot. A simple majority vote in the second round is sufficient.

Aoun rejected the election. "What happened in Kleiat is an unconstitutional act and is null and void," Aoun said in a statement issued from his command bunker at the presidential palace in Beirut's suburbs of Baabda.

"We are determined to thwart the conspiracy which is being hatched to eliminate what is left of Lebanon's sovereignty and ter-

ritorial integrity," he said.

His rejection sharpened a split
that developed within Christian ranks after parliament approved an Arab League-brokered peace accord in Saudi Arabia last

Aoun declared Saturday that he had dissolved parliament as it prepared to meet in Beirut to ratify the peace accord.

Most legislators declared Aoun's move illegal. Under Lebanon's constitution, only the president can dissolve parlia-

Acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss, who beaded a civilian cabinet that competed for legitimacy with a military government under Aoun for the past 13 months, tendered his resignation to the new president to facilitate appointment of a new premier. This election is a triumph for

## Jordan welcomes Lebanese election

AMMAN (J.T.) — Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem welcomed Sunday's election of Rene Muawad as president of Lebanon and wished him success in restoring peace

He also hailed the "positive results" of the session of the Lebanese parliament which also re-elected Hussein Husseini as its speaker and ratified an Arab-sponsored plan to end 14 years of civil

Qasem, quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, "wished Muawad success in serving the Lebanese people and building the country's constitutional institutions to restore Lebanon as a free, sovereign and independent Arab state as it was before the crisis

He added that the election of Muawad, 64, constituted a major step towards saving Lebanon.

a unified Lebanon and a promise

The historic session got under way at 3:25 p.m. (1325 GMT). The legislators first re-elected House Speaker Hussein Husseini for a one-year term. He has held the post since October 1984.

Then they unanimously ratified the peace accord to end the civil said.

war that was hrokered by the of a better future," Hoss said in a statement broadcast by radio stament meeting in Taif, Saudi Arabia, last month.

A suggestion by Saadeh and Deputy Butros Harb that a supplementary document by the Arab League guaranteeing the accord also be also voted was overruled. "This will be an inadmissible precedent," Husseini



PEACE IN THE HORIZON?... A Lebanese militiaman cuddles his small child on the eve of Sunday's presidential election in north Lebanon,

raising hopes that an end to the 14 years of civil war is in sight.

## Israel accepts U.S. plan but wants assurances PLO barred

for Palestinian-Israeli talks in Cairo if Washington met conditions barring the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)

from the negotiations. After nearly three hours of discussions, the inner cabinet voted 9-3 to accept U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's revised five-point proposal and to demand a list of assurances to accompany it.

"We have decided two things - to accept the five points and secondly, according to the proposal, to ask for side assurance Vice-Premier Shimon Peres told

reporters. Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said Baker, who put forward his formula in October to break a deadlock over Israel's plan for Palestinian elections, was ready "in principle" to give Israel the

requested guarantees. In the contacts that I have had with Secretary Baker this past month, we discussed the detailed wording of the five points that have been modified, plus additional assurances that Secretary Baker in principle is ready to

'Guarantees

The following is a list of six guarantees which Israeli poli-tical sources say Israel will seek from the United States before implementing Baker's for-

- Talks will be held only with Arab residents of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, not those living in Arab Jerusalem or over-

- As the United States knows and understands, Israel will not negotiate with the

PLO. - The subject of the talks

will be Palestinian elections, within the framework of the Israeli government's "peace"

> - The United States will publicly support Israel's position and back what Israeli actions may be necessary if the agreement is broken.

- The United States and Egypt will affirm their support for the Camp David principles

as a basis for negotiations. — One meeting will be held in Cairo and its results will determine whether more meetlogs are held there.

Avi Pazner, a top aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, declined to give details of the assur-

about the composition of the Palestinian delegation," Pazner

Both Peres and Pazner said

in writing. Sunday's decision ends the wrangling over the Baker plan wing Likud bloc.

a leader of the party's hardliners, said the vote would put Israel in a "very difficult situation."

## Troops break up U.S. protesters in Beit Sahour

BEIT SAHOUR, occupied West Bank (Agencies) — Israeli troops Sunday forcibly broke up a protest by some 2,000 Palestinian residents, clergymen and American visitors supporting a tax revolt in this West Bank town.

The soldiers did not use firearms but manhandled protesters refusing to return to their homes in obedience to orders issued from armoured personnel earriers driven through the streets.

About 100 Americans of the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East came to town to take part in a Sunday prayer for peace at Beit Sahour's church.

The Israeli troops carried off some of the Americans who sat in one street defying the orders

general election will be her last.

Correspondent "I hope so."

people would think it was time

for someone else to carry the

Thatcher declined to designate

successor, but opinion polls

have repeatedly named former

Defence Secretary Michael

Heseltine as the leading conten-

der, followed by Deputy Prime Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe,

Conservative Party chairman

Kenneth Baker and former

"It is not for me to say but

there are a number of the next

generation whom the party could

choose," Thatcher was quoted as

saying. "I do not believe a prime

minister should try to designate

Thatcher shows no signs of

wanting to slow down. But her

personal popularity is the lowest

of any prime minister since opin-

ion polls began in Britain 50 years

ago and senior colleagues have

publicly admonished her to off the race to succeed her.

his or her successor."

Chairman Norman Tebbitt.

torch."

The indefatigable Thatcher

to leave. The remainder left peacefully. Troops seized posters that read "No Taxation Without

Representation." An army roadblock outside the nearby town of Bethlehem barred prominent Palestinian

activist Faisal Al Husseini from approaching Beit Sahour to ioin the prayer. Journalists were also turned back. The army declared Beit Sahour, a closed military zone

and ordered all journalists who had reached the town to leave, a frequent tactic by troops battling the 22-month-old Palestinian uprising.

Beit Sahour was only reopened last week from a siege that sparked international protests and was unposed while

raids were carried out for 42 days on defiant merchants wbo had refused to pay Israeli taxes.

Sunday's protest in the town of 12,000 people began peacefully as several hundred worshippers congregated in a main church for prayers. Soldiers patrolled the streets but did not interfere with the service.

Journalists said extra troops were brought in when Christian and Muslim clergymen arrived from Jerusalem and 2,000 residents and visitors poured into the street, waving posters protesting at what they termed unfair taxation and proclaiming

Muslim-Christian solidarity. Troops and tax collectors battling the resident's refusal to pay Israeli tax froze hank

accounts and seized \$1.5 million worth of furniture and appliances from Beit Sahour. Sources said the army bad now started selling the goods by

Beit Sabour residents also claimed victory when the siege was lifted, saying the majority of people had refused to pay

On Saturday, a Palestinian suspected of collaborating with Israel was backed to death and his body was dumped in a Gaza City street, reports said. In a separate incident, an

11-year-old Arab boy had both legs and his right hand blown off during a mysterious explosion in the West Bank, army and hospital officials said. Meanwhile, the army com-

pleted its investigation into last Monday's shooting of a Canadian journalist in the Gaza

It said its troops "did not act according to regulations" when they opened fire at Palestimans. Jean Francois Lepine of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was hit in the leg by a rubber coated steel pellet and slightly wounded.

The army took responsibility for the Oct. 30 shooting of the Canadian correspondent.

"An investigation revealed that the army force in the area did not act acording to regulations and the necessary conclusions will be taken accordingly," an army statement said.

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#### ances sought except to say "sum between Labour and the rightit up in one item: no negotiations hints at But it was certain to increase with the PLO." "The next step will be to get the guarantees from the United dissent in Shamir's Likud bloc, whose hardline members oppose States and then to start talking the Baker proposal as a backdoor entry to peace talks for the PLO. Housing Minister David Levy.

#### give," Arens said. Israel wanted the U.S. assurances PLO restates stand, but stops short of rejecting Baker plan

CAIRO (Agencies) - The Pales- PLO should have the final say on tine Liberation Organisation (PLO) reaffirmed Sunday its determination to decide who will negotiate for Palestinians with Israel but steered clear of reject-

ing American proposals. In a carefully-worded statement after two days of talks in Cairo, PLO policy-makers made no specific mention of a fivepoint formula put forward by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker

The Baker plan aims to set up the first ever formal talks between Palestinians and Israel by focusing initial negotiations on plans to hold elections in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The elections would choose Palestinian representatives for a further round of peace talks. Israeli cabinet ministers said Sunday they would accept Bak-

or's plan if they received American assurances the PLO would be kept out of the talks: To encourage Israeli support, Baker amended the plan last week to give Israel the right to

reject members of the Palestinian

negotiating team.
A PLO official said the Executive Committee, meeting in Cairo for the first time in 12 years, had realitimed its stance that the said.

the negotiating team.

"The PLO adopted a clear line that it was the only party responsible for the composition of the Palestinian delegation," Said Kamal, the PLO's representative in Cairo, told reporters. Diplomats say neither Israel

nor the PLO wants to be seen to reject the U.S. proposals and be the first to torpedo flagging peace "The committee also stressed the need to seek intensified

efforts by Arab and friendly

European states to convene an international peace conference," the statement added. Both the Soviet Union and the European Community support the idea of holding an interna-

tional conference to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. Israel rejects the plan. The decision to meet in Cairo has been seen as a symbolic gesture to show support for Egypt's

peace efforts. Egypt has come under fire from hardline Palestimians. "The committee expressed gratitude and appreciation to Egypt, its president, government and

people on its support for the Palestinian cause," the statement

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Arafat aide, said earlier the Executive Committee was forging a plan in case the Israeli government accepts Baker's revised proposal.

The committee studied the new developments concerning the ongoing American-Israeli dia logue... especially that concerned to some points of Baker's fivepoint plan," Kamal told repor-

"The Executive Committee has entered the phase of forming needed policies to face the possi bilities of the Israeli cabinet's acceptance of Baker's proposal," Kamal said. "It (the committee) took a clear position."

Kamal also refused to specify

the PLO's position, but added: The PLO is the first in charge of forming a delegation with the continued coordination with the Egyptian leadership. The interests of the Palestinian people have to be put before any other considerations because of the delicacy of the present phase... putting into consideration what is going on in the occupied territor-

ies and the Palestinian uprising." PLO officials meanwhile, vowed that the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories would escalate and continue.

### Thatcher quitting LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said for the first time in an interview published Sunday that the next

told the Sunday Correspondent she hoped to lead her Conservative Party to a fourth successive election victory, but siad it was Margaret Thatcher unlikely she would try for a fifth. The next election must be held change her leadership style folby the summer of 1992, but it is lowing the surprise resignation expected Thatcher will call it in of her treasury chief, Nigel

Asked whether she planned to Lawson confirmed in a television interview Sunday that he resigned as chancellor of the exlead the Conservatives in that vote, Thatcher told the Sunday chequer because Thatcher would But asked whether she would not agree to get rid of her personseek a fifth term, she was quoted al economic adviser Sir Alan as saying: "No, because I think

Walters by the end of the year. Lawson said be told Thatcher that Walters' continued presence would be a "running sore" for the government. He said the outspoken Walters was making his own position "untenable" and financial markets were confused about who spoke on behalf of the government.

Thatcher said on the same London weekend television programme the previous Sunday that she did everything within her power to persuade Lawson to remain in her government. Perhaps she thought I would

don't know. Maybe she could not bring berself to believe that I really meant it, even though I am not someone who plays games." Opposition leaders and political commentators said that by spe-

retirement, Thatcher committed

"a colossal blunder" and kicked

back down," Lawson mused. "I culating on the timing of her

NICOSIA (Agencies) -- President Ali Akhar Hashemi Rafsaniani said Sunday Iran's actions in rebuilding war-shattered plants near the Iragi border showed that Tehran wanted a lasting peace with Baghdad.

envoy Jan Eliasson, who arrived from Baghdad on a mission to reactivate stalled peace talks between Iran and Iraq, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

in Tehran with United Nations

countries would soon agree to implement U.N. Resolution 598. The resolution, under which a ceasefire in August 1988 ended eight years of fighting, forms the

Eliasson, who gave Rafsanjani a message from U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. expressed hope that the two

basis for talks on a peace settle-

Rafsanjani said Iran proved its goodwill from the moment it accepted the resolution last year.

'The best pronf of this is the

reconstruction of Abandan oil refinery near the Iraqi border as He was speaking at a meeting well as other swift reconstruction activities under way in war-devastated areas," IRNA quoted him

U.S. ceremony

Three former Iran hostages laid a wreath Saturday at Arlington national cemetery to honour the eight U.S. servicemen who died in the abortive 1980 attempt to rescue Americans being held in Tehran.

Taking part in the ceremony were former hostages Richard Queen, William Royer and retired air force Colonel David

Roeder.

The wreath-laying at the Iran rescue mission plaque in the cemetery near Washington was followed by the playing of taps. The tribute was sponsored by No Greater Love, a humanitarian organisation which promoted the "Yellow Ribbon" campaign during the Iran hostage crisis and now seeks to assist the families of Americans heing held in Lehanon.

Bruce Laingen, a board member of No Greater Love, said in a statement: "As a former hostage in Iran, I fervently appeal to those who bold hostage our eight countrymen and others in Beirut today, and to those who can influence them, to restore these men to freedom and their fami-

#### elections Greeks vote in fresh

ATHENS (AP) - Greeks voted Sunday in the second national elections in five months, hoping to resolve the country's higgest political impasse since the end of a military dictatorship 15 years

Pre-election opinion polls indicated the conservative New Democracy Party led by Constantine Mitsotakis was leading hut might not win a majority in the 300-seat single-chamber parlia-

If no one gets a majority, tough negotiations would open among the leading parties, which are widely divided over such major issues as economic policy and the presence of U.S. military bases in

Greece. The Panhellenic Socialist Union (Pasok) was also expected to make a strong showing Sunday -even though its leader, former five months after the last national

Premier Andreas Papandreon. was running while under indictment on corruption charges. Greece's third big party, the Communist-led Coalition of the

Left and Progress, could emerge as the kingmaker. Voting proceeded calmly under sunny skies. In Athens, motorists waving Green Pasok banners or blue-and-white New Democracy

flags sped through the central Syntagma Square, leaning on their borns. Polls were open from sunrise to sunset, 6:45 a.m. to 5:23 p.m. (0455-1523 GMT), with voting compulsory for the estimated eight million citizens aged 18 and over. Final results were not likely

before Monday afternoon but a significant percentage of returns was expected by early Monday. Sunday's elections came only

balloting. The June 18 vote produced no majority, but the Communist-led coalition agreed to team with its enemies, the Conservatives, in a short-term government dedicated only to investigating the scandals that dogged the final years of the 1981-89 Pasok administration.

The coalition government res-

igned last month after indicting Papandreou on charges of involvement in a multimillion-dollar banking scandal and of ordering wiretapping of the telephones of his friends and foes. Papandreou has said be was

innocent and maintains the indictments were politically motivated. Many of his supporters appeared to have believed him.

In Athens, a beaming Papandreon told reporters: "I expect victory, overwhelming victory.

## Khartoum sends 2,000 employees home to Juba

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — The military regime has sent home 2,000 government employees to the partially besieged southern capital of Juba in an effort to pump life into the deserted war-torn south, a military official said Sunday.

This is the first such effort by the government and it was not immediately clear if the employees returned home willingly or were forced to do so.

More than 2 million southerners have fled their homes since the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) took up arms against the government in 1983.

Juba, 1,200 kilometres south of Khartoum and the capital of the southern region of Equatoria, is almost totally besieged by the rebels. It's inhabitants, many of whom are displaced people who fled fighting in the countryside to the government-controlled city, depend mainly on relief food which is flown in from Khartoum or Nairobi, Kenya.

Brig. Dominik Cassiano, member of the 15-man ruling military council which came to power in a coup June 30, told the Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) that the food and security situation in Equatoria was "stable."

Cassiano said about 2,000 government employees had been returned to Juba, but be did not

The Christian and animist rebels took up arms against the Muslim majority government in the oorth to demand more auton-

omy and administrative and eco-

nomic reforms.

Meanwhile hundreds of Sudanese students demonstrated Saturday calling on the military government of General Omar Hassan Al Bashir to step down, eyewitnesses said.

The demonstration, at the Khartoum branch of Cairo University, coincided with the opening of a week-long seminar on peace prospects in Sudan

A member of Bashir's 15 strong military junta, Colonel Mohammad Al Amin Khalifa, attended the opening session of

## Ethiopian rebels report killing 100 troops as peace talks begin

NAIROBI (R) — Rebel forces tion Front (TPLF) and Ethiopian full-scale peace negotiations. killed 100 government troops in northern Ethiopia early last week in an operation to "raise their peace flag" in Mehal Meda pro-vincce, the clandestine Voice of the Tigray Revolution radio reported.

The radio said the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) captured the strategic position of Kara Michik and crushed an army battalion stationed there. It said 100 Ethiopian troops were killed, 160 wounded and 25 captured, but gave no indication of rebel

According to the radio, monitored here, the engagement took place early last week, before government met rebels from the peace talks opened in Rome be-

government representatives. The TPLF joined with a smaller group, the Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement, earlier this year to form the new EPRDF

Rebel groups have announced recently a series of victories over Ethiopian forces. They have given no indication they intend to scale down operations during the peace talks.

The Ethiopian government, which does not normally report rebel victories, has made no mentioo of the latest clash.

#### Peace talks

In Rome, Ethiopia's Marxist northern province of Tigray Suntween the Tigray People's Libera- day to discuss an agenda for The preliminary talks between

the government and the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) opened Saturday night after a nine-hour delay caused by procedural disputes. The brief session heard opening speeches but did no negotiating.

TPLF sources said the move ment would present an eightpoint peace plan as a framework for the negotiations to end the long-running civil war in northern Ethiopia.

This document, which was adopted by a TPLF congress in March, calls for the formation of a broad-based provisional government in Ethiopia that would include representatives of all the country's political organisations.

#### MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

#### 3 caught tampering with graves

KUWAIT (R) - Three Muslim fundamentalists have been taken to court for carrying dirt away from grave mounds in a Kuwaiti cemetery, a local newspaper said Sunday. Al Watan reported that the three, a Kuwait, a Saudi Arabian and a man said to be stateless, believed the teachings of the Prophet Mohammad barred tombs from being higher than the surrounding ground. The paper quoted court officials as saying the three entered the cemetery in the Sulaibakhat suburb west of Kuwait city on Oct. 5 and brought in a small pick-up truck to carry dirt away from several graves.

#### Earthquake joits east Iran

NICOSIA (R) — An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the open-ended Richter Scale jolted Kerman in East Iran early Sunday, Iranian News Agency (IRNA) said. There was no word on any casualties or damage after the quake struck at 12.19 a.m. (2049 GMT Saturday) with an epicentre 800 kilometres south east of Tehran, said IRNA monitored in Cyprus. A quake measuring 4.5 on the scale jolted Tehran on Oct. 26 but there were no reports of damage. The epiceotre of that quake was in mountains north east of the Iranian capital.

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#### Iranian minister to visit Algeria

ALGIERS (R) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati will arrive in Algeria Monday to discuss Lebanou and the stalled Gulf peace talks, an Algerian Foreign Minister official sia a Sunday. Algerian Foreign Minister Sid Ahmed Ghozali is a member of the Arab League Committee mandated to try to end 14 years of civil war in Lebanon. Velayati last visited Algiers in

#### 'U.S. in secret talks with Libya'

LONDON (R) — U.S. officials are bolding secret talks with Libyan leader Moammar Qadhafi, the Sunday Correspondent newspaper said. The correspondent, quoting senior U.S. diplomatic sources, said in a froot page story the talks began after Libya signalled through the Belgian and Dutch governments it wanted to improve relations. The U.S. Air Force bombed the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi in 1986, accusing Qadhafi of backing a bomb attack oo a West Berlin discotheque used by U.S. soldiers. Since then there have been several skirmishes between U.S. and Libyan Armed Forces near the Libyan coast. The correspondent said the U.S. had demanded that Libya end what it calls Qadhafi's "funding of terrorist groups" and its attempts to produce chemical weapons. Qadhafi insists he has never backed terrorism. The newspaper said Washington had also approached Syrian President Hafiz Al Assad to demand that he expel the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) guerrilla group, suspected by some Western intelli-gence officials of bombing a U.S. Jumbo Jet over Scotland in December.

#### Tremors shake Algiers days after quake

PARIS (R) — Several Earth tremors shook Algiers and the coastal town of Tipaza Saturday, six days after a major earth-quake killed 24 people. The Algerian News Agency (APS), monitored in Paris, said a shock measuring 4.3 on the Richter Scale hit the area in the evening. Smaller tremors were felt in the morning. It was oot immediately known if anyone was hurt. More than 450 people injured and hundreds made homeless when a quake measuring six points on the Richter Scale hit the west of Algiers and Tipaza last Sunday.

#### Morocco celebrates march' confident of victory **'green**

RABAT (R) — Moroccans mark the anniversary of their green march" into the bleak Western Sahara Monday — a people's protest that sparked a war but secured the throne of a

threatened king.

Towns and villages throughout Morocco are set for the annual celebrations, 14 years after King Hassan sent 350,000 Korau-waving unarmed citizens marching into what was then a Spanish colony to recover the "lost Saharan pro-

It was a bold move. The war which followed with Polisario guerrillas seeking independence united the country and secured King Hassan's throne after a period of internal feuding and two failed coup attempts by elements of the military.

"We will give our blood for our Sahara, us Moroccans, all of us," said Mokhtar Guendouz, a taxi-driver, in a comment typical of many ordinary Moroccans.

This year, however, there is an extra spring in the steps of the Moroccans who are more than even convinced the war is as good as won and Polisario as good as finished.

That confidence was not shaken by two Polisario attacks in October which followed a 12-month lull in fighting.

Moroccans have watched their televisioo sets intently over the last seven days as the highest-rauking member of Polisario ever to defect dismissed them as the last fling of a discredited movement.

Night after night Omar Hadrami, a founding member of Polisario and formerly the group's representative io Washington, has spokeo of the group's disarray and of the desire of many others to return to Morocco.

"I am like a bee awaiting the arrival of the others. Of that I assure you... These people (women and childreo) can only come collectively. They have entrusted me with a mission to find a solution enabling them to come back," he said. Polisario has dismissed Had-

rami as a "has been" who was paid a fortune to defect and have ridiculed his assertion of a pro-Moroccan wing in the guerrilla movement.

Military analysts and diplomats were surprised by the recent upsurge in fighting in which at least 25 Moroccans.

including a colooel, were

In the two attacks, the guerrillas claimed more than 200 Moroccans were killed while Morocco gave a similar figure for Polisario casualties.

What is certain is that there was some major fighting, and the Moroccans appear - in the first battle at least - to have been caught napping and got a bloody nose," said one Western military expert.

However, most agree with Hadrami that Polisario were able to launch the attacks because they had stockpiles of weapons and munitions and needed to attract world opinion ahead of the annual United Nations debate on the conflict.

They say a third major Polisario attack would change everything by posing the ques-tion of "who is arming them?" Algeria, for years Polisario's main diplomatic and military supporter, is oow committed to rapprochement with Morocco.

Since restoring diplomatic ties in May 1988, both countries belped set up the Arab Maghreb Union — with Tuni-sia, Mauritania and Libya. Moroccans say the drift towards regional union further weakens Polisario demands for full independence.

Hadrami said it was one of the main reasons he gave np the struggle.
"Eveo Morocco canoot

stand alooe, it oeeds the Maghreb," he said. Libya supported Polisario in

the early days when Muammar Qadhafi saw the conflict as a struggle against colonialism, but aid was cut off in 1984. Qadhafi's belief in ooe Arab nation prevented support for a new mini-state Since administrative control of Western Sahara was ceded

Madrid accords of Nov. 14, 1975, King Hassan's troops have won control of four-fifths of the territory half the size of Polisario oow operates in the thin band of land it calls "liber-

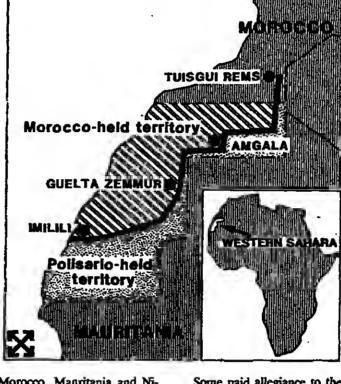
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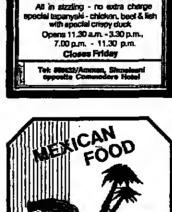
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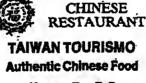
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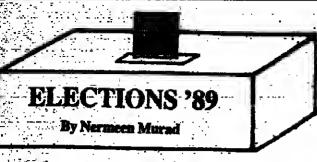
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THE PUBLIC Security Department has ordered 30,000 lunch meals from a local restaurant for security personnel on duty on election day. We are glad that so many officers and policemen will be on duty that day to protect the proceedings of the elections. According to a security source, more than 16,000 policemen will be on duty all over the Kingdom Nov. 8.

THE MINISTER of information has announced that all forms of election campaigning will have to come to an end Tuesday in accordance with Election Law. The press thanks the minister for giving reporters a day off before the busiest day of work in more than 22 years.

A CANDIDATE who wanted to clear his name from accusations of corruption levelled by the public read out a long list of charges against former public officials and said he could prove the charges. What he did not count on was that the daughter of one of the "accused" was attending the debate and vented her anger at the accusations levelled at her father by screaming at the candidate.

A CANDIDATE who has until now enjoyed the respect (or thought he did) of the public, went overboard in expecting this respect to continue. He ridiculed a question put to him and was asked to leave a house in which a clan meeting was held in his honour. I guess he lost their votes.

A CHRISTIAN candidate in Madaba has made a bet with a friend that he was going to win a seat in Parliament with a margin of at least 5,000 votes against his closest rival. The friend bet him he would not be the first, the second nor the third winner in his district and staked ID 1 against a round-trip ticket to West Germany. The question is: will the candidate get a ticket to the Parliament House.

## **Weapons** banned during elections

Security Department (PSD) issued a reminder Sunday that carrying weapons is forbiddeo in the run-up to Wednesday's general election.

A PSD spokesman, quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petrasaid police had orders to confiscate the weapon of anyone found violating the ban, originally issued by Interior Minister Salem

Cultore and Information Minister Nasouh Al Majali said candidates must stop all kinds of election campaigns by midnight Tuesday, the end of the official campaigning period, according to article 60 of the 1986 election law,

- Voting starts at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

## NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

IBN ALL CONGRATULATED: His Majesty King Hussein Sunday sent a congratulatory cable to Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali on the second anniversary of assuming presidency. He wished the Tunisian president continued good health and the Tunisian people every success and prosperity. (Petra)

FARMERS' ISSUES: Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Sunday received a delegation representing Jordan Valley farmers and discussed with them issues of concern. Sharif Zeid stressed the government's interest in improving and developing the levels of services provided to the Jordan Valley farmers. The meeting was attended by the minister of state for prime ministry affairs, minister of water and irrigatiaon, the director general of the National Medical Institution and director of the prime minister's office.

U.S. TEAM BRIEFED: A team of educationalists from American educational institutions and organisations had a meeting here Sunday with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, who explained Jordan's political stand and His Majesty King Hussein's constant efforts to bring about peace in the region. Qasem-said Jordan was attaching great hope to the proposed internationals Middle East peace conference, which is deemed the best possible forum for reaching a settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict. Such conference; Qasem said, is bound to provide a sulution for the Palestine problem, safeguarding the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland. (Petra)

SCHWARZKOPF LEAVES: The commander of the U.S. Central Military Command, General Schwarzkopf, left Amman Sinday after a several-day visit to Jordan during which he was received by His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb

PRICE VIOLATORS FINED: The military governor Sunday sadorsed a military court's verdict sentencing Abd Al Salam famail. Mohammad Atour, and Mahmoud Hussein Ali Hussam a fine of JD 200 each after finding them guilty of manipulating food stuff prices.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCED: All ministries, government departments and public institutions will observe a holiday on Tuesday. Nov. 14, on the occastion of His Majesty King Hussein's birthday according to an official communique issued by the Prime Ministry Sunday. (Petra)



# King attends army anniversary

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday attended the 20th anniversary celebrations of the third Royal Armoured Division accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah and Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb. The celebrations included drills and exercises and an arms exhibition. Photo above shows the King kissing a small girl attending the celebrations.

## 'Bride of the North' attracts many suitors

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Writer

IRBID -- In this oorthern city of 740,000 people, which is known to the rest of the country simply as the "Bride of the North," the election fire flickers in a perturbed manner.

Although, 80 per cent of the registered voters (109,196 people) have picked op their cards, indicating a high level of anticipated participation in halloting, candidates and volack of cooperation among they have proven that they are candidates sharing common loyal sons." candidates shariog common ideological trends.

"Candidates with similar programmes are competing for the same seat and splitting votes," said voter Ibrahim Ghareibeh. "By having five proclaimed Arab-nationalist candidates running for the one the votes are split and ones with outside chances take the seat," he said. "It is rather anarchistic.

Another issue that caudidates with Arab-oatiooalist, leftist and Islamic tendencies seem perturbed about is what they see as interference in their election campaigns. Candidates complained that election rallies were being limited to three locations in the city of

Muslim fundamentalist and "Islamist" candidates also complained that their rallies were interrupted by "nnex-plained, sudden" power fai-

Still another candidate, who has a history of leftist thought but who says he is running as an Arab nationalist, said that store-owners had been warned not to display his posters on their windows.

Candidates who have been "bothered" by such acts say that they suspect that rival candidates of the same ideological school of thought rather than rival candidates from a different school are responsi-ble for such "election tactics." However, none of them could produce any evidence to sup-port their theory. Many candidates were quick to underline that there were no bad feelings between people belonging to different schools of political and religious thoughts. "We want new blood to rep-

resent us, said a nominee who claims he is a "peoples" candidate. "The old ideologues are 'ootdated.' Natives of Irbid who now live in the capital and are out of touch with the constituency say they want to represent us in Parliament. But they have oo idea aboot the needs

of the people in the area.
"On the other hand, those who went to Amman and did stay in touch with people in their districts will find that their continued links could very ters alike are complaining of well pay off in the elections since

> Although tribal traditions in Irbid and northern Jordan are strong, there seem to be cracks in the ooe-tribe-one-leader system as indicated by the multitude of candidates running from each clan. The Zu'bis, Khasawnehs, Omaris, Momanies, Batainehs and Tals all have several candidates running in the same constituency.

> Fifty-two per cent of the voters in Irbid district live in the city of Irbid: 48 per cent live in 58 villages and two large refugee camps. Thus the priorities of each constitueocy are likely to be very different.

> "In the rural part of the district, tribalism and the Palestinian issue are important to the voters," said a candidate. "Naturally, candidates who have strong tribal affiliations or who have a good political or social record with the camp people will have an advantage over other candisaid the candidate, whn said he did not have either and was counting on support on ideological grounds in the

city of Irbid. Although coalitions, alliances and blocs as such do not seem to be an election trend in Irbid, former Royal Court Chief Thougan Hindawi and former Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Rawabdeh are said to be running in the same

According to one voter who said be will vote for two leftists, two "establishment" candidates and one fundamentalist, candidate, "the people of Irbid will vote for those that will serve them the most, regardless of his/her political leanings or tribal affi-

## Deputies accountable for pledges — Crown Prince

AMMAN (J.T.) — Voters in the Nov. 8 elections have all the right to ask the elected parliamentarians to fulfil their promises and abide by the slogans which they raised during the election campaign, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said Sunday.

In a lecture he delivered at the University of Jordan, Prince Hassan said that he had full confidence in the Jordanian citizens and their choice of representa-

tives for the new Parliament.
"The present era of openness, and the atmosphere of freedom and democracy are very important for all citizens, voters and candidates alike, because they offer them the chance to express their views and their ideas," the Prince said. "Let us hope," he added, "that this atmosphere will contribute most positively towards a healthy pluralistic situation that could in turn boost the

confronting challenges facing the Kingdom.'

Prince Hassan said that once security and peace prevail in the Middle East, Jnrdan can play a majnr developmental role.

"The serious challenges which are now looming ahead," the Prince said, "can be confrooted through the skill of Jurdanians despite the Kingdom's meagre natural resources.

"Inrdan's central geographical location, and its highly skilled manpower are bound to help the country play a leading role in development," Prince Hassan said. He also said that the securnational effort and enrich the penple's contribution towards ity the country enjoys and the moderate policies it has adopted

over the past years would help it maintain its centrist policies and enable it to surmount all prob-

"The stroog relationship be-tween the leader and people of Jordan, has opened the way for the Hashemite leadership to maintain good ties with the Jordanian family, a relationship marked by justice for all people even those who had tried in the past to do harm to the regime,'
Prince Hassan said.

"What the Kingdom really needs today is to become a regional centre for industry and maintenance with the help of its people and through the strong infrastructure it has built up over the years," Prince Hassan said.

The Prince nated that the Palestinian and Jordanian leadership were jointly and individually struggling to offer service to the Palestinian people and to safeguard the Palestinian identity



HRH Crown Prince Hassan

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## Iraqi leader condoles King

**ACC** countries sign accord

The strategy will constitute a

general framework for planning

in the four ACC states and will

identify priorities for projects in

various sectors, the statement

It said the four countries

they should coordinate short.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Sunday called His Majesty King Hussein by telephone to convey his sympathy over the death of eight army officers, who died in a helicopter

crash last Thursday south of the Dead Sea. The Iraqi president, who had just returned to Baghdad from a tour in the oorth of the country, voiced deep grief over the loss of the army officers and expressed his coodolences to the Jordanian Armed Forces and the Jordanian people. The King expressed appreciation to the president for

his sympathy. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday visited Badia regions and conveyed His Majesty King Hussein's coodolences to the families of army officers who died in the helicopter

The regions the Crown Prince visited are inhabited by the Matarneh, Bararshe, Shamaileh, Madadha, Mahadin, Shahabieh, Oran and Hama-

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BAGHDAD (Petra) — Under-

secretaries of ministries of plan-

ning in the four-member Arah

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countries reached an agreement

here Sunday on cooperation in

A statement issued after three

the officials from Iraq, Jordan,

planning affairs.

dideh tribes in the southern regions of Jordan.

Prince Hassan paid tribute to the army officers' efforts in serving their country and defeoding the Arah Nation.

His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King Hussein, Sunday delegated Mafraq Governorate police director tn convey his condoleoces to the Hararsheh family over the death of Brigadier, Soud Maghsouh Al Hararsheh in the crash.

The Prince also delegated police directors in several governorates to coovey his coodolences to the families of those killed in the crash.

Prime Minister and Defence Minister Sharif Zeid Beo Shaker Sunday received a cable of condolences from Saudi Second Deputy Prime Minister and Defence and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz in which he voiced his deep sorrow over the deaths in the crash.

that would best serve the socio-

of labour of the ACC countries

have announced the formation of

a technical committee entrusted

with unifying working papers and recommendations which would

be announced at the closing ses-

sion of a meeting here Monday.

Several working papers were pre-

sented by each country dealing

with manpower training.

Representatives of ministries

economic integration process.

## **Experts** to review project

assessment AMMAN (Petra) — A total of 35 experts from nine Arah countries and regional organisations Monday opeo a two-week seminar in Amman oo means of assessing projects being carried out in the

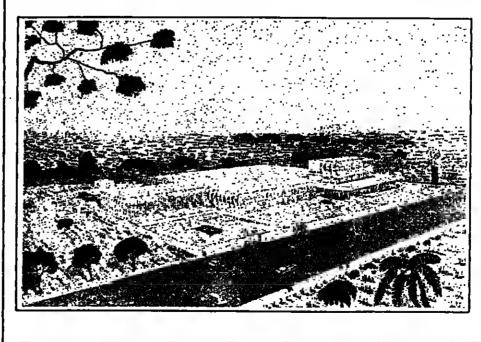
Arah World. The seminar, organised by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) in cooperation with the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), will include lectures, discussions and debates on case studies of projects in the participating countries and a field study on a development project being carried out in the northern Jordan Valley re-

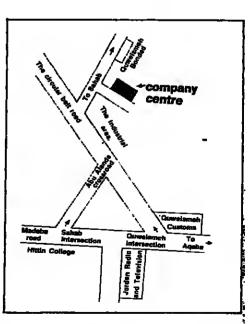
gion. Delegates representing Epropt, Iraq, North Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Somalia, Lihya, Sonth Yemen and Jordan as well as representatives of several government departments and banks will be attending the seminar. Delegates from the World Bank. the RSS and the UNDP will deliver lectures at the seminar.



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In another development, unknown assailants stabbed and wounded two Israelis Sunday. Elsewhere, a Palestinian died of wounds sustained Friday and

seven Arabs were wounded in clashes, including a 15-year-old boy reporters saw shor by border police after a lengthy chase through the crowded market streets of Bethlehem. The death of Mufied Janua

Huzhoon, 19, brought to 610 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli gunfire in the 22-month unrising.

The army said the youth, who was armed with a knife, was shot by soldiers in the West Bank town of Jenin after he ignored orders to stop. It said Huzboon was wanted for firebomb attacks and assaults against alleged Arab informants.

In Jerusalem's walled Old City, to youths stabbed Avraham 35, with a screwdriver.



By Dr. Waleed Sadi

## **Jordan Times**

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## Lebanon needs an international boost

IN SPITE of all sincere efforts by Arab and international governments to accommodate General Michel Aom and win him over to the side of the Taif Accord, he is maintaining his hostile stance on that internationally accepted agreement and engaged in questionable tactics to abort what was painstakingly negotiated and agreed upon. By rejecting the election of Rene Muawad as president by the Lebanese parliament, Aoun has reached the end of the line and exhausted the patience of all parties including his natural allies and supporters. His latest moves reflect his desperation and show that once he is cornered there is no limit to where he would go to frustrate the will of the international community, including that of his own people and supporters. In this sense, General Aoan has become a maverick working against international norms and standards. Still, not much can be done to change his obstinate views on what is best for Lebanon and the Lebanese people. The only sensible thing left to do was of course simply to ignore him and his declarations and to move on with the job of officially adopting the Taif Accord and electing a new Lebauese president through whom the people of Lebanon can unite.

As General Aoun's credentials as head of government are still contested by more than one side, any proclamation nanating from him will naturally be contested as well. The fact that General Aoun chose to supercede the decision of the parliament, which is, relatively speaking, the most legitimate representative of the Lebauese people still in his own people. Such drastic steps by General Aoun will further isolate him in the regional as well as the international arenas which, in turn, undermines his authority, or whatever is left of it after the election of a new president

What constitutes legitimacy in the final analysis is what the governments of the world decide to do. If the governments of the world bestow recognition on the new govern-ment as they seem posed to do, and the United Nations follows suit by adopting a formal decision by the U.N. Security Council accepting the decisions of the parliament, then there is nothing that General Aoun can do to stop the, legal and political effects of such judgments. Recognition of governments is essentially a political act that acquires legal effect once that recognition becomes universal. Thus the road to salvation in Lebanon is to have the U.N. play its part immediately by extending recognition to the new president

### **JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS**

Al Ra'i newspaper Sunday discussed Lebanon where the deputies are making ready for a meeting that would elect a new president for the country. Should a quorum be achieved and a meeting take place, a constitutional president would be elected to help enhance the state of peace and stability which prevailed in Lebanon since the Arab League mediation committee drew up a ceasefire last month, the paper noted. It said that regardless of any objections from the Christian leader Michel Aoun, the parliament deputies are determined to carry out an Arab League-sponsored plan and bring back peace to their country. Therefore, a parliament session which is to take place Sunday or Mouday is bound to bring an end to the long and dark tunnel through which Lebanon had lived over the past 15 years of civil strife. Should the current efforts for peace fail, Lebanon will find itself facing another era of grim and dangerous future, the paper added. It said for this reason, the Lebanese people are now looking forward to the election of a president and a new stage of peaceful life after the long sufferings and destruction in their country.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily strongly attacks the Ethiopian government for restoring diplomatic relations with Israel. The move is seen as helping the regime in Addis Ababa to overcome numerous problems resulting from mis-administration, says Mahmoud Rimawi. The writer notes that the decision to restore ties with the Jewish state followed statements by Addis Ababa that it hoped to bolster its ties with the Arab World which, he points out, served as an underhand dealing on the part of the Ethiopian government. In return for this, the regime in Addis Ababa is certain to acquire assistance from the United States and Israel which stands to win from the step, the writer adds. He says that the world will now see a greater migration of Ethiopian Jews to Israel and a further collaboration between Tel Aviv and Addis Ababa at the expense of the Arab and African nations. But the writer wonders about the prospects of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) which has its beadquarters in Addis Ababa in view of the fact that the African nations are rallying to confront the Pretoria regime which is currently stepping up its nuclear collaboration with Israel.

Sawt Al Shaab daily commented on the situation in Lebanon where it said only one person, Michel Aoun is confronting the majority and the will of the Arab and international community. The paper said the Lebanese parliament deputies meeting should take place and a president should be elected to bring an end to the civil strife in Lebanon. The success of the parliament deputies in reaching consensus on a national charter ought not to be marred now by the Christian leader whose ideas can no longer be feasible. The paper urged all the parties in Lebanon and Aoun himself to give peace a chance, and to pave the way for stability and security in Lebanon. Weekly Political Pulse

# Political parties — conspicuous by sheer absence

As things stand now, there is no way to determine the

credibility of the various political platforms which different candidates have expoused. As at least some of the contesters can

be presumed to have professed flamboyant slogans for only public

consumption, without the benefit of some form of guardianship

that can be exercised through disciplined and organised political parties, such exaggerated claims and promises would continue

unabated. In other words, had we in Jordan two political parties

during this year's national elections, many positive features could

have been realised: First, the number of candidates could have

been reduced to reasonable proportions. Secondly, the political

platforms of the various candidates could have been more

coherent and realistic. Thirdly, the contents of the political platforms could have been toned down to meaningful proportions

as well. So, without the control that such political parties could

THE STILL exaggerated number of candidates competing for the Nov. 8 parliamentary elections and the proliferation of alogans and campaign platforms decorating these elections suggest that future elections would continue to lack coherence and organisatiou if political parties are not formed. As things stand now for this year's elections, voters have been confused by the utter lack of organisation that reigned supreme as a direct consequence of just too many candidates with an even greater number of banners festooning the street of the country. The only effective and operational way then to rectify the errors of the Nov. 8 elections is to introduce a limited number of political parties along the lines that could be articulated in the projected National Pact. Needless to say there are hardly or relational pact. to say, there are hardly any viable parliamentary system in the whole world without political parties that draw heavily on their

own respective national experiences, norms and traditions.

Such political tools would go a long way to render political platforms more coherent by injecting discipline and responsibility in their formulation. Moreover, the number of contesters in any given elections would also remain within the realm of reason as each political party would exercise direct control on the number of candidates who run on their own separate slates. And what is even more relevant would be the control that such parties could exercise over the slogans or political platforms that are presented to the electorates.

have performed during this year's elections there was no limit to what contesters would go to propagate their slogans. Likewise there was no limit to the number of those seeking public confidence and trust. The end result, of course, is elections lacking control, discipline and coherence.

But all is not lost as this year's parliamentary elections can still serve as a big lesson on which all future elections can draw beavily. After all, the continuing process of democratisation in Jordan is a perpetual learning process. The Kingdom cannot be

expected to master the art of elections in one giant leap but rather through the trials and tribulations of many imperfect elections. If this year's elections can teach us that much more and educate us also that much more, then it is a very positive step on the path towards wiser and more viable elections in the future. Thus as I read the situation connected with this year's parliamentary elections, the biggest drawback was the absence of, let's say, two giant political parties under whose wings would lie and operate all the splinter political parties and forces that have sought express-

ion during this Nov. 8 elections.

Fortunately, the proposed National Pact is projected to deal with this very issue and hopefully will rectify this year's shortcomings. The elected parliamentarians in the Nov. 8 elections will of course be expected to debate this matter during the course of their deliberations on the much talked about

Having gained or even suffered from the experiences of this year's experiment in electioneering, they should be in an appropriate condition to spell out their thoughts on the contents of the National Pact and offer their words of wisdom on the framework of future political parties. If they succeed in such a mission they would have rendered the country and their constituencies a great deal of good. If they fail, they would fail not only their electorates but also the entire country.

# Forgotten region becomes focus of **Greek elections**

MONASTIRAKI, Greece -Women struggle to heat water with wood fires and men sit in the tiny coffee shop under a gas lamp in the shadow of the rugged mountains of central Greece. They talk often about World War II and the bloody civil war

which followed, They speculate on when the winter snows will fall, cutting the village off again, and ask the rare visitor for a newspaper, "so diffi-

cult to get here." "Our vote is as important as anyone's but we are forsaken by all," village mayor Panayotis Tolis told Renters during a recent

Monastiraki is some 60 kilometres north of Karpenisi, the capital of impoverished and isolated Evritania province, two hours' drive through thick green forests, mostly over dirt roads and shaky wooden bridges. The personal commitment

which Constantine Mitsotakis. leader of the centre-right New Democracy Party, has made to holding the province's single scat in parliament has thrown Evritania into the limelight.

His daughter, Dora Bakoyan-Sunday's national election and holding it is vital to Mitsotakis's bid to increase his 145 seats in the 300-seat parliament into an absolute majority.

She has replaced her husband, slain New Democracy Deputy Pavlos Bakoyannis, who won his traditionally left-wing native re-gion from the Socialists in June

Bakoyannis, shot dead by the November 17 guerrilla group in Athens on September 26, had proposed a plan which he hoped would propel the region into the 20th century.

The plan included industrial, tourist and agricultural develop-ment as well as much needed roads, irrigation, sewerage and social services. It was intended to stop young people from leaving the area in search of work.

More than half of Evritania's voters live elsewhere. With none of the thriving tourist trade enjoyed by much of Greece, it offers only a few jobs in farming and forestry and the lowest incomes in the country.

Bakoyannis has pledged to pur-sue her husband's policies for the region she calls "the poorest place in Europe," and which even the Ottomans thought so remote that for 400 years they avoided collecting taxes here.

During the highly emotional campaign, she has observed a 40-day mourning period, making no speeches and refraining from visiting the remote villages still redolent of the 19th century.

work and a decent standard of living they'll just use the roads to get out," she has said.

Road building was a major project of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) which, during its eight years in power before its June election defeat, pumped European Community funds into the area.

Many people remain loyal to Pasok, led by former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, because of its efforts to develop Evritania.

"Before the road was opened to our village by Pasok we walked or rode mules. We were forgotthe Monastiraki mayor

Most people in Monastiraki said they would vote again for Pasok because of the new road, although they still lack jobs as well as telephones, electricity and sewers. Families rely on pensions and state subsidies to make ends

"Under these conditions I wouldn't want my children to live here." Tolis said.

Bakoyannis's candidacy drew strong reactions from the Socialists who lost the seat despite allocating funds for roads, telephones and electricity in many villages and providing transport for school children.

"New Democracy is capitalising on Bakoyamis's murder by running Dora as a candidate. She doesn't even come from here," local Pasok member Stelios Klitsikas said.

During World War II leftist partisans drove the occupying Nazis out of the mountains and declared the area "Free Greece." But the brutal civil war that followed Greece's liberation left bitter memories, Tolis said.

One villager, who said he was paid by the British-backed Greek army to fight against Communist insurgents in the civil war. pledged his vote to New Demo-

"I don't know Dora but if my party runs a donkey for a candidate I'll vote for it," Costas Koutsoupias, 78, said.

According to opinion polls New Democracy is ahead of Pasok in the national election campaign but is short of an absolute majority.

Regions such as Evritania, which send a single deputy to parliament, have become increasingly important to Mitsotakis as he fights to add six deputies to the 145 seats his conservative party won in June.

New Democracy won all five single seat constituencies from Pasok and must hold as many as possible to have any chance of winning an absolute majority.

The five seats, traditionally leftist, backed Pasok in its 1981 and 1985 landslide wins and the Socialists are going all out to win You might invest money in them back to increase their 125 roads but if people don't have deputies in parliament.

## Rise of democracy, fall of tribalism?

By Mariam M. Shahin

AMMAN — Arabic coffee is served to elders gathered in large tents to approve one of them as their "face" to the world. Their strongest, wisest and often the wealthiest man among them thus becomes their tribal leader, - "sheikh al ashireh" - the traditional way tribal leaders have been chosen since time

Although tribal tents were seen and the aroma of Arabic coffee was stronger all over Jordan for the last month, things are

As Jordanians, young and old, head for the polls on Nov. 8, the paramount questions are: For whom will they vote and what single most important issue or loyalty will decide their vote? In a country known to be home to Arab tribes and their traditions, no-one knows to what degree the famous proverb "Me against my brother, my brother and I against my cousin, my cousin and I against our neighbour and my neighbour and I against the stranger," will hold true.

As 650 candidates vie for the 80 seats in the Lower House of Parliament, many people are wondering on what basis those who will actually vote from the 876,693 voters who have collected their

voting cards.

Although tribalism and regionalism were seen as the main attractions of some candidates, the voters don't necessarily think

Since tribal affiliations have been the key to solving problems, may they be social, economic, educational or religious since time began in this ancient land, what is seen as cracks in tribal strength

are viewed with dismay by many traditionalists.

"The young people think they know better than we do, that they can get by without their clan by reciting ideological poetry and thus winning the minds and hearts of the strange masses," said one traditional tribal leader in Irbid Governorate referring to

candidates who refused to associate themselves along tribal lines." Well, it won't work," be asserted.

#### Role of tribalism

What role is tribalism playing in the elections? How much have people's politics changed in Jordanian society over the decades? These questions were posed to candidates, tribal and non-tribal, in various parts of the Kingdom.

Many candidates felt that there was a possibility that some voters may vote only for one candidate so as to strengthen the chances of "his" or "her" candidate and weaken the rest. This has apparently been suggested in many electorate districts in the Kingdom. Voters with tribal, religious or ideological affiliations have stated their intentions to adopt this rather archaic voting policy although they are aware that "this is not the way it was meant to be," as one voter told the Jordan Times. Encouraged by candidates, some voters said they would vote for their relatives only or for a certain "chosen" candidate only "because I want him to have a better chance than the rest. Why should I divide the

"No one knows how many people will abstain from participating from the full election process in order to give their votes to the candidate of their choice, may be be traditional, fundamental, or progressive in outlook. This is one of the unknown elements in this election," says a candidate from Karak who withdrew his candidacy a week ago because too many people from his tribe

What was once seen as a paramount factor in most parts of rural Jordan, tribal authority or traditional politics, as it is often called, is probably facing its toughest test to date.

In the north and south of Jordan, as well as the centre, almost every tribe, "of any consequence," has two or more candidates vying for votes from the same electorate. Traditionally, a clan, or "ashireh" as they are known, would come to an official or unofficial consensus about their tribal leader - the man who had all what it takes to represent what may be up to 20,000 or more members of the same tribe.

According to tribal candidates in the various districts most tribal voters will vote for only one of the candidates in their tribe. However, several voters told the Jordan Times that they will vote for "all four" or "all seven" of the candidates who belong to their clan. A consensus as to how tribal voting in these elections will

take place therefore does not really exist, or so it seems In Irbid Governorate, a consensus among voters from its 58 villages has brought the fellahin or village candidate to the surface. Although the chosen nominee to parliament is almost guaranteed the village votes, many villagers who have encouraged other village candidates to run with an outside side hope that a member of their clan will also reach parliament.

#### An exception

An outstanding exception in this year's tribal election politics seem to be the Obeidats in the Beni Kanana and Ramtha district.

A tribe with an estimated 8,000 voting members, the Obeidats held clan meeting and decided to nominate one man to represent the tribe of 20,000-odd members. The candidate, Qaseem Obeidat, seems to have appealed to both the younger and older members of the cian and eventually won the support of Ahmad Obeidat, who is said to have favoured another man to become the

"The division of tribal votes could be a tricky business in these elections" concedes one member of a Karak clan which claims to have 6,000 voting members. "We are one of the biggest clans, but if our 6,000 votes are split up into our 7 candidates then none of our nominees may reach parliament. Another clan with only 1,000 voting members who has only one candidate may have a better chance of getting their man into parliament because they have a consensus. All this is very sad because some of the important tribes that have always had their people represented may be losing out in these elections," he said.

The reasons for the fracture in tribal consensus are multifold. Since the last general elections in Jordan in 1967, education has become relatively widespread in the Kingdom. The "wise men" who, through their distinctive education or experience, had traditionally stood out as clan leaders are being challenged by a newer and younger breed of self-styled know-it-alls.

Rapid urbanisation and a quick increase in material wealth as well as the practical universalisation of education have left relatively few of Jordan's youth illiterate in their ABC's and "the ways of the world."

Many "younger" candidates — may they be in their forties and fiftees — are thus challenging the "outmoded" ways of the traditional leaders. The argument is simple. To quote one of them: "Tribal leaders have had their chance. Look where it got them. Our rural areas have been neglected as far as educational, economic, social and cultural developmental projects are concerned. So why should they be given another chance?

Tribal candidates and non-tribal candidates alike agree that tribal politics as such are limited to the regions outside the capital. "In Amman, it does not really matter what tribe any candidate is from. He could be much more powerful if he happens to be an "Islamic" candidate or an ideologue of some sort rather than a member of a big Jordanian tribe," says one tribal candidate from Karak. Another candidate, representing a large Salti clan, says that "in Amman, there are a lot of Palestinians tend to be somewhat less tribal than Jordanians, who have more of a tribal

tradition to begin with." Some candidates in Karak Governorate estimate that 60 per cent or more of the votes will be cast according to tribal affiliations, regardless of religions or ideological tendencies.

Candidates in Irbid, however, do not foresee such an outcome in their district. "In the villages outside Irbid many people will-vote for members of their tribe who live in Irbid," said a candidate. "They want to vote along tribal lines but they also want someone who is around if they need him. They are openly complaining about members of their clan who moved into big. houses in Amman, drive big cars and don't bother to show up for family weddings and funerals and then have the nerve to come at election time and say I am your man in Parliament'."

Unlike Karak candidates who feel that tribalist attitudes have: not waned since they took roots centuries ago, Irbid candidates see things differently. According to one candidate with Arabnationalist learnings, "in the 1950s tribal affiliations were not as strong as they were in the '60s, '70s, and '80s because we had parties then. People had an alternative. When you don't give. people a chance to he something but an Islamic fundamentalist, a member of a tribe or a Palestine refugee, then that's all he will be. If you allow political parties then Islamic fundamentalism. regionalism and tribalism will be hit at the core and lose much of

the popularity they enjoy today."

With a kaleidoscope of trends ranging from "Islamist" to "establishment", "nationalist" and "leftist," confusing the elector. rate as to "where they really stand" and "what they really want," some traditional tribal leaders are annoyed at what they see as "a rebellion of midgets, those little nobodies who think a fancy suit and a university certificate will make them leaders," as one traditional tribal leader put it. The "younger" candidates, however, believe that the more traditional older candidates have not lived up to their responsibilities and have not done their utmost to serve their respective communities.

"Our leaders have wanted us to serve them and given us a very superficial protection and face saving image in return;" in other words nothing substantial," says a "younger" tribal candidate.

Although tribal loyalties do not seem to be disappearing in any way, a more active and concertive leadership is being demanded by voters young and old all over Jordan. "The force of the tribe

and the loyalty that it demands still exist very strongly but it may be in the course of reconstruction, the people are demanding that their leaders answer to their needs and demands - this is progressive traditionalism," another young candidate concluded.

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PARIS - Money, a nice house and a car, along with professional and social success, are what most people aspire to and work for. In tern and other industrialised nations, where the 'rat race' toward material success is more intense than ever, a slow, quiet change is beginning to affect the thinking of a growing number of

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Two decades ago, when the hippies of the 1960s sat crosslegged meditating in the lotus position of Hindu yoga and climbed the Himalayas m search of the Buddhist wisdom of Tibetan monks, they were dismissed as "fringe loonies." But 10 years later, centres offering yoga, meditation classes and a host of other self-awareness techniques can be found in almost any large city or town. Here people take refuge from the frantic activity of modern society, seeking something more rewarding than the latest model of automobile or

People everywhere are talking of a "new rise in consciousness. The belief that man should be more in tune with the universe because man is part of the universe is expressed in diverse ways, from individual experi-

tions for peace and events to raise funds for famine and flood relief. Such an event is the annual "Mind and Body Festival" in London, which attracts thousands.

The drive toward a hetter understanding of man's place in the cosmos and increasing awareness of spiritual values will, believers say, lead to a "New Age." This concept has led to a new wave of literature, study groups, lecture series and discussion groups around the world. Many of the largest publishing houses now offer "New Age" collections. Books such as Marilyn Ferguson's "The Aquarian conspira-cy" are now considered classics in the genre, read by supporters and sceptics alike.

Although mainstream New Age thinking seeks a balance between modern materialism and spiritual well-heing, smaller groups are going even farther, rejecting the "rat race" altogether. One such group exists on the enchanting island of Bora-Bora in French Polynesia. Calling itself "Galacteus," it has about 100 members. Until recently the group bas been little known, but its members bave now begun to tour various capitals of the world to meet similar-minded groups

decade of research.

Most of the "Galacteus" members are French, Alain de Beco, one of the original members of the group, recently returned to his native Paris, where he described the origins and aims of the movement: "We started out about 20 years ago as a group of friends in France and have since developed relations with people all over the world. We bave huilt up a network of people who have been "contacted" and are in touch with extra-terrestrial forces, energies and civilisations," said the 36-year-old.

#### Other forms of life

The people whom de Beco describes live in Switzerland, Spain, Brazil, Italy or France and bave gone through what are known as "near death" or "out-of-body" experiences. "Studies have shown that in the United States alone there are some 8 million people who have lived through different stages of the experi-ence," he added. "It is now seen as a bridge between science and tradition. Modern-day doctors and scientists are investigating "near death" experiences, while you find the same kind of descriptions in the ancient Tibetan

or age, thousands of these accounts indicate that the world does not stop at the physical plane, but that there are other forms of life." De Beco and other Galacteus members have recently begun to help organise similar groups in Brazil, Mexico, Czecboslovakia and France, among other countries, to expand and coordinate their activities

worldwide. The founding father of Galac-teus, the French Jean-Paul Appel Guery, continues to lead the community. His interest was aroused by a series of "out-ofbody" experiences beginning at age 12. Guery, now 56, has published several books and has been working with computers for years, designing elaborate "inspirational" images of extra-terrestrial beings and places that be claims be either "visited" during his out-of body experiences or "saw" through telepathy.

Guery's most famous book. "Timeless Journey," tells through beautiful illustrations the story of an astonishing "astral" voyage by an enlightened character (himself, one suspects) into other dimensions of time and

Not everyone in the Galacteus community has lived through

such esoteric experiences, but all try to attain a certain level of physical and mental purity. Says de Beco: "We have chosen a lifestyle that seems to us more normal: we don't smoke, we don't drink alcohol, we don't take any drugs and we don't eat meat. The reason why we are vegetarians is that we believe that the buman digestive system, which has an abnormally long intestine for a mammal, is more akin to that of a herbivorous than that of a carnivorous mammal. But we don't make an absolute rule or dogma of any of these principles, we just live that way because we feel much better for it."

#### No luxury

The Pacific Ocean paradise of Bora-Bora, near Tahiti, with its crystal-clear waters and palmfringed sandy beaches, is undoubtedly conducive to a stressfree life. But there is nothing hixurious about the way the Galacteus members live. They bought what was a wild, mosquito-infested piece of land by the ocean on the northern part of the island, and each member built a house with the materials that were locally available.

"Though most people in the community come from a creative background — we have a lot of

singers, dancers, writers and musicians — there are also people who are architects, carpenters, plumbers, and everyone helps everyone else," de Beco explained. By design, most of the bouses huilt among the vegetation look futuristic: translncent domes, boneycomb globes, pyramids, flying saucers. De Beco's own house is a hexagonal globe suspended from a large, triangular frame; it doesn't touch the ground hnt sways gently with the wind and the movement of its

occupants. The group spends most of its time studying religions and philosophies as well as spiritual and extra-terrestrial life. "Most of us, like myself, were brought up in the West, where education is totally devoid of any of the things one can learn through yoga or the other traditions. We are attempting to draw knowledge from all of the world's religions and traditions. We see religions as branches of a tree: what we are looking for is the trunk of that tree. We also try to reconcile North and South, East and West, the past, the present and the

future," de Beco said. The youngest in an upper-middle-class family of 11 children, he has strayed far from the path mapped out for him. After a traditional French education, he obtained a degree in architecture, a profession he never practised. In contrast, his twin sister, Anne, the mother of two children, is a highly paid executive in one of France's largest industrial conglomerates.

Her hrother's priorities lie else-

learn that we are not only a physical body but also a body of energy and that this energy bas centres in the body and circulates around it," he said. "This has been known for centuries in medicine — in acupuncture, for example. One can learn to control and use this energy, to transfrom negative energy into positive energy. Evil has only the power we give it; what we are trying to do is to achieve a mutation of energies toward the posi-

Although the Galacteus members were attracted to Polynesia by the climate and environment, they also songht an area where they could spend as little of their time as possible on the earthhound task of earning money to survive. On Bora-Bora, everyone in the community works. "We all have some sort of money-making occupation, but almost everyone is doing something creative. Some design fabrics and clothes. others jewellery, others put on music and dance shows for the tourists," de Beco explained. He helped to organise a company to market the community's products, and be also sells cultured black pearls, a new industry on the island that is highly appreci-

ated by Japanese tourists. De Beco stresses that the Galacteus group is far removed from any of the notorious "sects" in which members are forced to surrender their wealth and undergo brainwashing designed to alienate them from families and friends. "We are part of the world, we operate as a coopera-

where. "The important thing is to tive... and we pool our resources to pay for the printing of our materials and books, for computers and for producing videos and cassette tapes," he noted.

Still the group wants to focus mostly on what goes on beyond the physical plane. Says de Beco of his own experience: "I bave seen UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) several times, sometimes I was looking out for them and expecting them, other times it was by chance. Also, I bave developed a certain sensitivity and am able to receive telepathic messages. Almost everyone experiences telepathy at one time or another, with someone they love, for example, but there are ways

to work on it." This is why physical purification is important to us, because the body is a sort of channel between beaven and earth, and by keeping ourselves pure, we can develop our senses, including what is known as the sixth sense.

Willpower is the important fac-tor, he added. "We all have the spark in us, you bave to work and persevere. Once you take that path, it is like a rehirth." De Beco, along with many in New Age thinkers, believes that as more people "think positive" around the world, the more positive energy there will be to counter military threats. "This field of inspiration that illuminated the prophets of our great religions is a universal current, a field of energy that exists around us," he stressed, the shining light in his piercing hlue eyes coming from far, far away — World News Link.

# Are artists going too far?

By Allison J. Pugh The Associated Press

BOSTON - Practitioners of shock art have danced barefoot on glass and bitten the heads off live animals. Now one of them faces possible arrest for lighting fireworks on his chest, again raising the question: How much is too much?

Shock art can appear in mild forms such as that practised by Joe Davis, who has shouted out his poetry while aides poured water on his head. It can be as severe as Chris Burden's being nailed to a Volkswagen or having someone shoot him.

The practice of defining new art forms by shocking people set off a national debate recently. Alliger said Coleman crossed the over public funding of an exhibit line hy endangering his audience. hy photographen Robert Map Coleman, who appeared be-

plethorpe, which featured fore a small audience at the Boshomosexual and sadomasochistic ton film and video foundation, bit photographs.

Some art might shock and disturb people, and that's certainly a valid thing for art to do," said Jeremy Alliger, executive director at Boston's Dance Umbrella, which recently featured a Japanese artist who danced barefoot on glass. "He is actually composing on the glass" said

The limit, however, is "when people are placed without knowledge in a position of danger themselves," be said. "Whether that can be classified as art or not, it's inappropriate."

Joe Coleman may have provided the acid test in Boston. ton film and video foundation, bit off the head and front legs of a white mouse and hugged one spectator after he poured a bucket of hlood over himself. He also ignited fireworks on his chest and

the audience. "It was definitely a terrifying experience," said Viveca Gardiner, 23, a financial writer in Somerville. "We weren't protected and

some burning shards landed in

we were definitely in danger." One of the smoldering pieces flew into the face of Robin Brown, who sat near Gardiner in the audience. She said she brushed it off her cheek, and it then landed on her skirt and

burned a hole the size of a dime. "If it had landed on my eye, it definitely would bave blinded me," said Brown, 23, an editor.

for a market research firm in Cambridge. Fire officials said they would

press to have charges filed in the case. Lighting fireworks inside is illegal, as is setting fires without a permit or a fire detail present, fire chief Howard Ferguson said.

#### Animal rights

"We are trying to find out bow many things we can charge them with," said Ferguson, wbo admitted authorities had not yet determined whom they would charge. They also can't find Coleman, who is hased in New York, Ferguson said.

Animal rights activists, patrons and even some leaders of the arts community say Coleman went

"There's a lot of concern about

(use of animals in artistic acts and movies), and I think a lot of the industry is trying to be responsi-ble," said Gus Thornton, head of the state Society for the Preven-

tion of Cruelty to Animals.

The head of the Boston Film and Video Foundation disavowed any connection with Coleman. Anne Marie Stein said the Coleman performance was the independent project of a foundation member, and the act was not funded by the public sources that support regular foundation work.

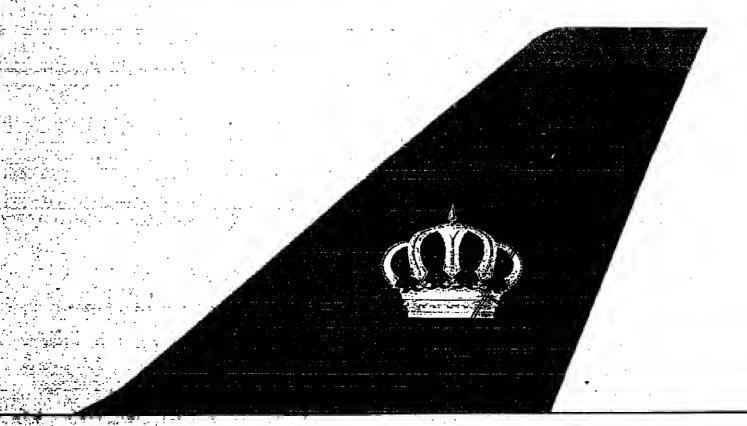
While she said she generally believes in letting people decide for themselves what they think is art, the foundation would not permit acts that could endanger the lives of people or involve cruelty to animals.

"I think that goes too far," she said of Coleman's performance.









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Homes of the Galacteus group in Bora-Bora: the looks of an extra-terrestrial tribal village

# various loans, adopts measures to to purchase government bonds boost productivity, employment

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan has agreed to the terms of a \$150 million loan from the World Bank. following months of talks in Amman and Waskington.

"The loan will support the industrial and export sector and the balance of payments and will help to finance imports of capital goods, raw materials and basic commodities," Information Minister Nasouh Al Majali told

He said the cabinet endorsed the loan Saturday evening, but did not say when the agreement would be signed.

The money would also be used to help to implement a plan to increase Jordanian exports and investment, he added.

Finance Minister Basel Jardanch has said Japan will lend Jordan a further \$150 million and West Germany \$17 million to support the World Bank prog-

Jordan agreed a fiscal and monetary programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in April and signed a debt rescheduling agreement with its official creditors in July.

A rescheduling accord with commercial bank creditors grouped in the London Club is still under negotiation.

Furthermore, the council of ministers endorsed a decision for the merger of the Free Zones Corporation and the Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation (JIEC) with a view to boosting the operations and the activities of both departments in the field of development and in providing the necessary infrastructure for the national industry and to boost

#### **ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS**

#### **Turkish inflation rate soars**

ANKARA (R) — Consumer prices in Turkey soared by 7.6 per cent in October, the highest monthly rise since March 1988, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency quoted the state institute of statistics as saying. Prices rose fastest in the commercial capital Istanbul, home to seven million people, where the cost of living increased by 9.4 per cent during the month. Inflation is the chief reason for a collapse in popular support for the ruling Motherland Party, now backed by only about 15 per cent of voters. It will be the first major challenge of the prime minister who succeeds Turgut Ozal, elected president hy parliament Oct. 31 in a ballot boycotted by opposition parties. The inflation rate in the year to the end of October rose to 73.3 per cent from 73.1 per cent a month earlier. The rate has hovered between 62 and 76 per cent since hitting a post-1981 high of 87.5 per cent in November 1988.

#### Big Spanish saving banks merge

BARCELONA (R) — Spain's higgest savings bank, Caja De Pensiones (La Caixa), and its rival Caja De Barcelona have agreed to merge and create the country's largest financial institution. The merged group will hold deposits of about 3,600 billion pesetas (\$30 billion) and have 2,000 branches, far outranking Banco Bilhao Vizcaya, Spain's largest clearing bank. Called La Caja De Pensiones Y De Barcelona, the new bank will concentrate its business in the prosperous northeastern region of Catalonia. None of Spain's largest commercial banks is Catalan in origin. The Socialist government of Felipe Gonzalez has encouraged mergers between financial institutions to face competition in the 1992 single European market.

### fraq penetrates more markets

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq has won a contract to export electrical appliances to the Soviet Union and several Arab countries, the army newspaper Al Qadisya has said. It quoted the directorgeneral of a state-owned organisation also called Al Qadisya as saying he recently agreed to supply Moscow with \$14.5 million worth of sparking plugs and transformers. He said his organisation had also won contracts to export \$5 million worth of transformers to Saudi Arabia and \$20 million worth of similar products to Egypt, Jordan, North Yemen, Libya and Oman.

#### India, Morocco resolve phosphate row

RABAT (R) - India has agreed to resume purchases of phosphoric acid from Morocco next month after an Arab country mediated to resolve a dispute, the Casabianca daily Al Bayane has said. The paper said the deal ended a row which broke out early this year over a contract for 500,000 tonnes of acid which India refused to buy. It did not identify the Arab mediator but said it had strong ties with New Delhi. An Indian embassy spokesman could not confirm that an agreement had been finalised but said negotiations had taken place. Exports by the state-owned phosphate industry, the mainstay of Morocco's economy, rose 40 per cent last year to \$1.3 hillion with India accounting for \$440 million of the total. Al Bayane said sales would resume Dec. 1. Economic analysts estimate Morocco lost between \$400 and \$600 million in revenue when the last contract was suspended. The loss is expected to push Morocco's 1989 current account into deficit after a surplus of \$21 million last year.

#### **Brazilian police arrest Nahas**

SAO PAULO (R) — Financier Naji Nahas, whose financial dealing forced Brazil's stock exchanges to close last June, has been arrested after spending nearly four months on the run, police said. Nahas sparked a crisis in Brazilian stock exchanges in June when he let cheques for the equivalent of \$29 million bounce. The scandal forced authorities to close the stock and options markets and led to the resignation of central bank president Elmo Camoes, whose son ran a brokerage house involved in the affair. The Lebanese-born Nahas, who was arrested in Sao Paulo state after being sought since July, faces charges of fraud and crimes against the economy.

#### Iran to pump gas through USSR

NICOSIA (R) — The Soviet Union has agreed in principle to let Iran pump natural gas through its territory for sale to Europe, Tehran radio reported. The agreement was announced after talks between a Soviet team and the Iranian finance ministry. The two sides would meet before the end of the year to work out volume of the gas to be moved and other details, the radio, monitored in Nicosia, said. Iran, which cut off natural gas exports to the Soviet Union after the 1979 Islamic revolution, has agreed to resume exports on April 1. Oil Minsiter Gholamreza Agazadeh said recently Iran was negotiating with Romania, Bulgaria nad Czechoslovakia on gas exports through the Soviet Union.

### AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

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cil of ministers also approved two loan agreements between the Jordanian government and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, and the Kuwait Fund for Economic De-

Under the terms of the two agreements the two institutions will grant Jordan eight million Kuwaiti dinars to bolster the production efforts undertaken by the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) and the Jordan Phosphate

Mines Company (JPMC).
The JEA, Majali explained, will benefit from the loan to finance purchases required to carry out a power distribution and maintenance service while the JPMC will use the loan to purchase equipment to increase its fertiliser production and other phos-

phate mining operations.

The Jordanian government will re-lend the two loans to the JEA and the JPMC under the same conditions and terms reached with the Arab funds. Both companies will pay back the loans over 22.5 years with a five year grace period at a 4.5 per cent interest rate, Majali added.

According to the minister of cooperation with the culture and information, the Security Corporation.

According to Majali, the coun- council of ministers approved a comprehensive study on the importation of medicine. He revealed that a special committee will be formed to review medicine price rates and that a new set of principles will be adopted for

drug imports.
The minister said that the committee will be instructed to bring about a reduction in the price of drugs by at least 4.5 per cent. The minister said that the council discussed a ministerial

committee report on unemployment in Jordan and set recommendations which, among other things, call for giving priority in employment to jobless persons. He said that the council has

decided in principle to set up a national aid fund which will incorporate all charitable and social welfare funds and will be designed to finance and support productive projects and offer soft loans especially to the unem-

According to the council of ministers, efforts will be increased in the area of finding employment for Jordanian workers through a private sector company which will be established in cooperation with the Social

# Jordanian government approves Peking forces entrepreneurs

generation of private entrepreneurs, already threatened by a return to more orthodox communism, are being forced to buy government bonds to fund the country's huge budget deficit.

Restaurant owners, shopkeepers and stallholders say they are angry but powerless to object because of their precarious position in China's changing political

"There's no escape. Everybody has to pay," complained one stal-Iholder Sunday

"I'll have to cough up next week — maybe 1,000 ynan (\$270)," he said, pointing out he was already badly hit by the slump in tourism which followed suppression of the student-led democracy movement in June.

"I didn't have any choice," said a shopkeeper. "They just said 'pay up'. Two hundred yuan (\$55). I'm lucky tro make that in one month now."

The bonds mature after three ears and bear an interest rate linked to inflation which was calculated by authorities to be a year-on-year 13 per cent in September.

Workers across China in the state sector are also finding their vages docked, sometimes with little explanation. A standard sum seems to be about 100 yuan (\$27), or up to a half a month's

Wages. One worker said his unit,

workforce, later had to lend its own funds back to employees after they complained they couldn't afford to eat.

China's private entrepreneurs feel they are being squeezed for larger amounts because they have no political power to object.

Banned for much of the Maoist period until 1976, private business boomed under capitaliststyle reforms pioneered by senior leader Deng Xiaoping over the last decade.

Zhao Ziyang was ousted by hardliners in June, the political tide seemed to turn against the country's 14 million or so private businesses which were widely accused of tax evasion and exploitation of workers.

Perhaps reflecting continuing debate among the leadership, the official media blows hot and cold on the "getihu" or "individua! households" as they are known in

They have to buy the bonds. To refuse would be snicidal. You would be denounced as a bourgeois liberal and unpatriotic," a Western diplomat com-

The government started issuing domestic bonds in the early 1980s and the quantity has risen steadily. This year Peking will raise an estimated 22.5 billion yuan (\$6.1

billion), more than double the

original plan, the diplomat said.

banking system. mic terms, a good way of funding the budget deficit and in the short term soaking up excess liquidity, one economist said. After reformist party leader

perhaps the best you can expect from this system. It's an open question whether they will pay the money back. They will have to judge the mood of the peo-ple," he added.

Unlike previous issues, the last

batch of bonds is not tradeable on

secondary markets because,

Western economists said, Peking

is anxious to reduce the enor-

mous sums of money outside the

"It's sensible in macroecono-

"Bnt it's compulsory. It's

The official, Economic Daily recently reported the bonds had met unexpected success with crowds rushing to huy them. People were motivated by

their high degree of patriotic spirit" and the fact that the bonds were index-linked. To meet demand, the authorities would soon print 5,000 yuan (\$1,350) bonds, the newspaper added.

One civil servant said some

people, perhaps worried about their position after last May's mass protests, were buying more than their allocation to show political loyalty.

"It looks good if you volunteer

to buy more," he said. Meanwhile, China's unemployment rate is set to double this year, a senior economist warned, presenting a new challenge to a government struggling to reduce inflation through unpopular au-

"The sword of Damocles hanging over the capitalist society is now hanging over the heads of the workers of new China," Song Xiaowu said, quoted by the China Daily of Soviet exports must be proces-

China's jobless rate would probably reach four per cent by the end of this year, double the number out of work last February, Song, labour director of the China Enterprise Management Association, told a business conference.

Four per cent is low compared with most Western countries but in China with a population of 1.1 billion it represents many millions

This year's state budget deficit living on the borderline and pair is expected to exceed 35 billion ably the highest number out yuan (\$9.5 billion) against 34 billion (\$9.2 billion) in 1988. work since the early 1950s.

Song did not give overall gures and China's official statics are vague. Newspapers eathis year spoke of about 20 to

million urban jobless. In addition, Song pointed n state enterprises bad about million "surplus workers" - e ployed staff who turn up at th posts but have nothing to do

In the countryside, refor over the last decade have boos productivity but left 80 milli surplus farmers looking for wo said Song.

"The unemployment proble." whole society. How to correct identify and effectively solve t problem poses a new challenge the theory and practice of Chir economic development a GO

structural reforms," he said.

A major cause of the big jur in jobless, Songsaid, was the gr ernment austerity programs launched 13 months ago to co an overheated economy and c inflation. Premier Li Peng, a hardlin

and driving force behind the a sterity programme, says the medicine will last at least the Inflation has fallen froi around 20 per cent at the end

1988 to a current annual rate about 13 per cent, according 1 official figures. Cuts in government inves: ment, abandonment of many con.

struction projects and a slump tourism have meant millions or of work. Peking and other major citic. were flooded last March by hurs dreds of thousands of unen

ter Chinese new year celebri Police sent many back to the home provinces.

ployed peasants seeking work a

Peking's city authoritieannounced new regulations thereweek to try to keep the joble -

rate below one per cent, the Ne: " China News Agency reported.--This means good news for pr

vate entrepreneurs in the food garment and service sectors wh will have taxes cut but bad new for 200,000 ro 250,000 worker already in the capital who wil b sent back to their home pre

## **Economists back far-reaching** rescue plan for Soviet Union MOSCOW (R) — Senior Soviet cessed goods by the year 2000. "By the turn of the century half

economists appear set to push through a wide-ranging programme to revitalise the country's morihund economy, including ownership of private property and the introduction of a freemarket system

The so-called "radical-moderate" programme is not as strong as that proposed by extreme radicals but leans more towards far-reaching reform than tinkering with existing structures.

Its main aims are to encourage state controls, favouring private property ownership, breaking up state monopolies on industry and removing most restrictions on foreign trade.

An article carried by the official TASS news agency said the programme looked likely to win the day when senior advisers and economists meet in Moscow in a week's time for an unprecedented three-day concrence on the country's financial state.

Industrial production has slumped since July, strikes are on the increase and the country is on its way to recording its first negative trade balance since 1976. Leaders from President Mikhail Gorbachev downwards admit the

THE BETTER HALF,

country is in the midst of a major economic crisis. The TASS article said those

attending the meeting, which starts Nov. 13, could be categorised as conservatives, radicals and radical-moderates. The article's author, S. Tura-

nov, briefly sketched the ideas of the first two camps before coming down firmly in favour of the radical-moderates, whose programme he described as a "reasonable combination" of the first

recently published by the weekly Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta — is widely believed to have been written by Deputy Prime Minister Leonid Abalkin, who will chair the three-day meeting.

Abaikin, in charge of a state commission into economic reform, is becoming an increasingly influential adviser and was brought into the government over the summer to oversee efforts to put the economy back on it feet.

Turanov said of the radicalmoderate programme: "This choice is the most preferable that is the conclusion of the scientists and economists who were invited to study the materials which will be discussed at the

By Harris

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The radical-moderates want to cut state price controls gradually while setting up a system of social security to ensure people are not harmed by the change to a more free-market system, one of whose side-effects would be increased

"(Their measures) would give a powerful impulse for the creation of a consumer market while creating the means to regulate the process," Turanov wrote.

The programme will have a the next five-year economic plan - starting in 1991 - which Kremlin advisers say is vital for the future of Gorbachev's perestroika programme of reforms.
Turanov's article was highly

unusual in that it gave an objective summary of the two lesserfavoured camps, a sign the government does not want to close off any avenue which could belp the economy. The conservatives favour gra-

dual changes which would try to avoid conflicts and harmful sideeffects and would not harm what Turanov called weak and inefficient enterprises.

aims to freeze raw material ex-

ports at 1985 levels and double

exports of manufactured or pro-

The radicals want to break up the centrally-controlled planned

economy in a series of short, sharp shocks, cutting government investment and subsidies in an attempt to introduce a free-market system as quickly as possible. A senior Soviet trade official said Saturday the Soviet Union sed goods... the current level is between 25 and 30 per cent," Ivan Ivanov, deputy head of the Soviet Foreign Economic Commission, told a news conference. "Our long-term aim is to cut exports of raw materials. We

would like to freeze raw material exports at 1985 levels, but this depends on how successful exports of Soviet products are," he lvano was speaking at the end

of a two-day conference on how to improve the performance of Soviet exports, stagnating like the rest of the country's economy. Soviet economists say the country has to boost exports of

manufactured or processed goods to make up for the rising extraction costs of the country's immense material reserves and falling prices on world markets. Last year, the Soviet Union — the world's largest supplier of crude oil - exported 205,200

tonnes of crude oil and related products, worth 19.7 billion roubles (\$31.5 billion). In 1987 it exported less and earned more, while the figure for

1985 was 28 billion roubles (\$45 billion), although no details of the amount exported are available. The country is also a major exporter of iron ore and other minerals.

Vsevolod Volkov, head of the foreign ministry's research institute, said the country would not make any drastic changes in raw material supplies.

## British electricity sell off likely to axe 30,000 jobs

LONDON (R) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's plans to sell off Britain's state-owned electricity industry will lead to the loss of some 30,000 jobs, coalmine closures and price rises, an author-itative energy magazine has said.

The magazine Power in. Europe said a secret government memorandum in its possession showed that electricity prices would rise by a quarter and that one-third of the country's deep coal mines would close.

If genuine, the memorandum could seriously undermine privatisation plans that are already under heavy fire and, according to most opinion polls, costing Thatcher support. But the Department of Energy would not confirm its authenticity.

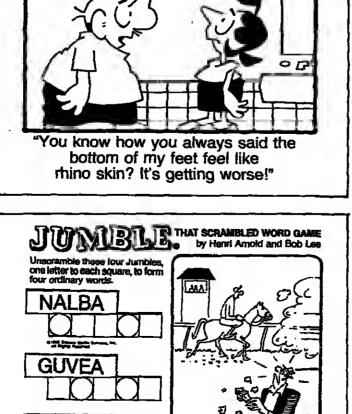
Opposition Labour Party energy spokesman Tony Blair denounced the planned privatisation, which would follow sell-offs. of the gas and water industrice: and the telecommunications

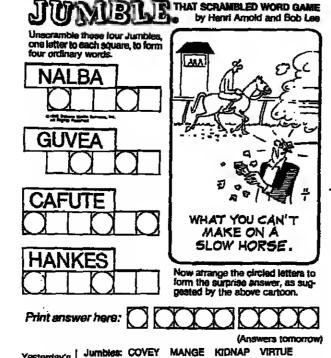
"It is a truly staggering litany of costs, charges and penalities to be levelled on consumers and taxpayers," he said of the leaked document. "In a rational world, ten this should signify the death rattle? of this deeply unpopular sale."

The sale of state-owned indus-

tries, encouraging the general population to buy shares; has been a cornerstone of Thatcher's economic philosophy. Bnt | e Labour has attacked it as an. expensive waste of national. assets.

Beside the electricity industry, the railways are expected to be privatised over the next four





Answer: He married her for her looks, but not this-THE KIND SHE OFTEN GAVE HIM



## Frenchmen finish 1,2 in wheelchair marathon

OTTA, Japan (AP) — Moostapha Badid of France was the fastest to speed his wheelchair the full 42\_195 kilometres (26.16 miles) in the Oita international wheelchair marathon Sunday, edging compatriot Philippe Couprie by .03

econds. The 24-year-old Badid, racing for the first time in Japan, started from the front of the Oita prefectural office and sped through the streets of Oita, in southern Japan. He crossed the finish line at the Oita municipal track and field in one bour, 40 minutes 45 seconds

Fellow countryman Couprie, 27, came in after one hour, 40 minutes 48 seconds.

Third finisher was Bosse Lindkvist of Sweden in 1:43.19, followed by compatriot Lars Lofstrom, who was clocked at

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Japan's Yukifumi Yamamoto came in fifth in 1:43.21, followed by Austrian George Schrattenecker who was timed at I:43.50.

Janette Jansen of the Netherlands won the women's full-marathon in 1:48.45, followed by American Mary Thompson in

Raja Singh of Singapore cap-tured the half-marathon, covering the 21.0975 kilometres in 52 minutes, 58 seconds, far ahead of compatriot See Chong Tang who was clocked at 54.07.

The top, two finishers in the half-marathon improved the meet record, breaking the previous time of 55:22 set by Mexico's Manuel Casas in 1988.

Mexico's Cornelio Ordaz Nunez was third at 56.03, following hy South Korea's Yu Hee-

#### **GOREN BRIDGE**

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF O 1989 Tribune Media Services, Inc

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It is surprising how often you can

make a slam off two cashing aces

when each defender holds one of

them. The reason is that neither de-

fender imagines the declaring side is

insane enough to get to slam missing two aces, so neither credits partner

with an ace and defends according-

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THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

WHO NEEDS ACES?

North-South vulnerable Fast World Team Championship. When North supported clubs af-NORTH ter spades had been raised, South **★ K 8 2** presumed his partner had made an AKQ76 advance cue-bid in spades rather than shown a second suit, so he did

The final contract could hardly be + Q96 described as elegant. ♥ 10 9 3 Declarer made a good shot when ♦ A 6 4 3 he won the trump opening lead in dummy and led a diamond toward 4863 SOUTH his king. From East's point of view, ± J 10 7 4

▽ Void rising with the ace could give declar-er an extra trick in diamonds, so he ¢ K72 followed low. When the king held, # A Q J 7 5 2 declarer was able to place West with the ace of spades, since East would South West surely not have ducked if he beld Pass

Declarer now led the jack of spades from hand. Not surprisingly, West thought declarer might be finessing, so he played low. Declarer flew up with the king, then discarded his three remaining spades on the

not imagine he was off two aces.

table's top hearts. The rest was easy, Declarer exited with the queen of diamonds. East took his ace and shifted to a trump, but it was too late. Declarer won, ruffed his remaining diamond on the board and claimed 12 tricks.

#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1989 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: business ideas different from those Three moon squares in the early A.M. make this a day when you can serve yourself best by studying how effective you are being in doing daily chores and duties and ways of having a better campaign

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Accept all kinds of interesting friends into your social group. Brighten your home with new fur-nishings and flowers.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Avoid the temptation to lend money to a friend. A businessman will bring you a new proposition that has great potential.

GEMINI: (May 22 to June 21) Accept the chance to considerably more of your good friends. Don't be so stubborn with members of your family now.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Friendly discussions with another person will add to your assets. You need more expert data for your business.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Bright and brilliant friends can bolster your spirits today. Invite friends you are sure you can handle into your home. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) An influential couple should

now become your friends. Investigate carefully men who come with a business proposition. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Be polite to a new couple that comes into your home. Accept you have used.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) Get plans for better business relations from those under your roof. A younger person will belp you with money matters.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Keep conditions happy and lively at your home. Ask advise of those older or more experienced than you are.

January 20) You would be wise to entertain friends at home. Don't fight with a friend over the performance of his duties. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febru-

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

ary 19t Don't let outspoken friends hurt your feelings. Arguments at home should not be permitted to occur or tension arises. PISCES: (February 20 tn March 20) You need to curb your tendency to be extravagant. Spending more time at home enhances har-

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"The stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you.

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## Becker beats McEnroe to reach Paris final with Edberg

West German, and in Paris in the

Becker, just back on the grand

months out with knee injuries,

announces that he was back in

business on Friday after a second

nerve-wracking victory in a third

set tiebreak over a player ranked

roe's tantrums, which included a

complaint that Becker was dis-

turbing him by coughing before

game to win, and he was.

much lower.

Swede emerged victorious.

PARIS (R) — Boris Becker over-came an irascible John McEnroe in almost three hours of oreathtaking tennis Saturday to reach the final of the \$1.26-million Paris Open where he meets Stefan Edberg of Sweden.

Becker, the West German top seed, beat McEnroe 7-6, 3-6, 6-3 in a match which had several. outhursts from the American, a penalty point and some of the finest tennis you could ever hope

Second seed Edberg dispatched tenacious Amerian Aaron Krickstein 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 to line up a final with his arch-rival Becker.

The two met in this year's Wimbledon final, won by the

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"I'm disappointed I lost because I felt I could win this

French Open semifinal, when the match," McEnroe said. "But it's exciting to be part of a match like prix circuit after almost two

But McEnroe criticised Becker over the coughing. "I don't say he's doing it on purpose but it's become part of his game. There's no place for it in a match. I just hope he goes to a doctor to rectify the problem."

He proved the point against a McEnroe at his brilliant best. A happy Becker was content to Becker had to be at the top of his dismiss McEnroe's hehaviour lightly. "He's been like that for He showed nerves of steel in 10 years," he said. "He's better than he was but not the way he refusing to be upset by McEn-

"I have difficulty understanding what he's doing on court and why he's doing it. But it's part of John McEnroe. If you asked him to be completely quiet, he probably wouldn't play that sort of tennis.

"Every time we play we have close matches. I know I have to play great to beat him and he knows the same thing.'

McEnroe complained several times about line calls, mimicked Becker's cough and accused that West German of playing too

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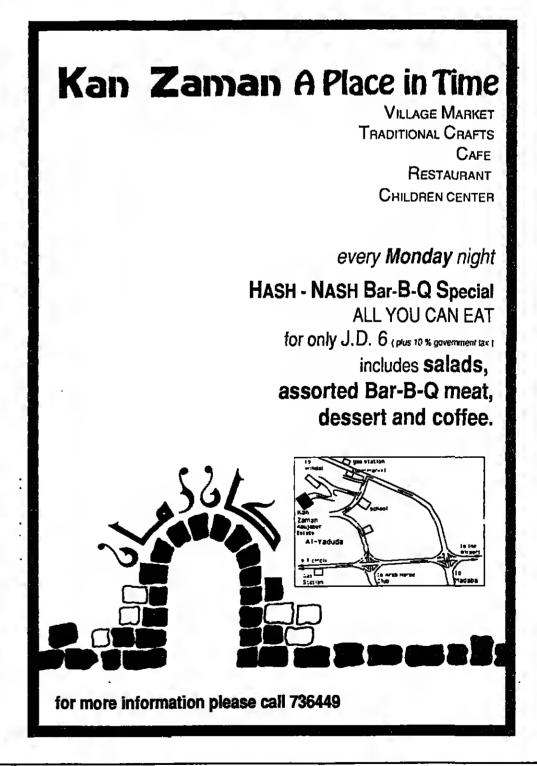
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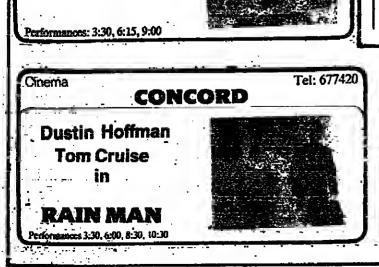
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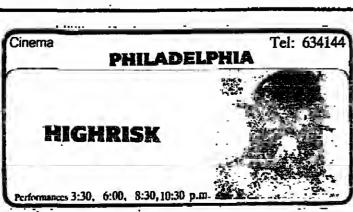
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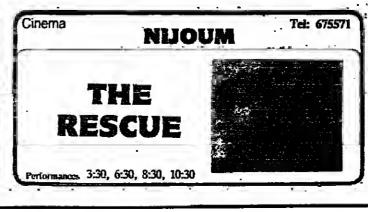


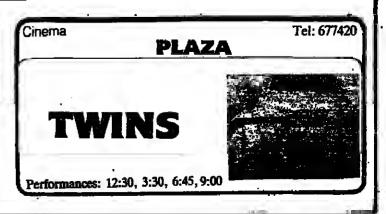


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## 9,000 East Germans reach West

## Thousands more expected to follow

MARKTREDWITZ, West Germany (R) — East Germans flooded into West Germany in record numbers Sunday, causing long traffic jams at the Czechoslovak border and prompting a frantic search for emergency housing.

A long queue of cars built up at the Czechoslovak-West German frontier in the chilly morning hours as East Germans converged on the sleepy border crossing at Schirading, just east of Marktredwitz in Bavaria.

Border police counted about 9,000 new arrivals in the 24 hours up to 4 a.m. and expected about 3,000 more to come in special trains Sunday

Police said the mass exodus, the biggest of four refugee waves since early September, had already filled all 6,500 beds prepared in emergency centres. "For the past few hours, we've been doing nothing but look for more " a spokesman said.

The federal border guards and the army had already put aside another 2,000 beds and army barracks around the country were being checked for further capac-

have given themselves the right to

vote to leave the Soviet Union,

but a leading local activist says

any such referendent should be

"We now have this right of referendum, but it is like an atomic bomb. You don't use it

daily, you save it for a real

necessity," Algis Ceknohis, a

leading member of the powerful

Lithuanian grass roots movement

must be convinced that you are

going to win ... No such vote would succeed if Sajudis blocked it, and today we would certainly

The referendum law, passed by

parliament Friday along with a law establishing Lithnanian

citizenship, confirms Lithuania's

position at the forefront of a drive

It you take such a step you

saved for an emergency.

Sajudis told Reuters.

ity, he added.

It was not clear how many East Germans would bop into their cars and drive across Czechoslovakia once they realised they could now legally cross there into

West Germany.
Torsten Steih, 21, a passenger on one of the West German "freedom trains" from Prague, said: "When people in East Germany hear the border is open,

even more will come here." A woman from Dresden who had travelled to Prague to register at Bonn's embassy - a step no longer necessary — expressed a commonly found scepticism about East Berlin's sudden liber-

"I heard (that the border was open), but I couldn't imagine that it was true," she said.

East Germans began crossing into West Germany Saturday by

Lithuanians not likely to vote

immediately to leave S. Union

more independence from

However, it also looks likely to

step up pressure for passage of similar measures in neighbouring

Estonia and Latvia, adding to alarm in the Krembn at a wave of

nationalism and separatism

Under its provisions, a referen-

dum can be called on any issue at

the request of half the members

of the republic's parliament, or if

supported by signatures from 300,000 people — around one-tenth of the population.

Largely under pressure from Sajudis, which commands the

overwhelming support of Lithua-

nians, the local parliament has

pushed plans for economic auton-

omy and declared the republic's

occupation by the Red Army in

sweeping the region.

Moscow.

world news in Brief

HOUSTON, Texas (AP) - A 15-month-old boy held at

knifepoint by his mother was rescued when police distracted the

woman with a small explosion, smashed the windows of her car and grabbed the child. Tracy Diane Levis, 24, was jailed Saturday

on \$300,000 bond on two charges of aggravated assault and one charge of injury to a child, police Sgt. A.D. Moore said. She was

taken into custody 13 hours after she locked herself in the car with

her son, Brandon Duke, on a street in Houston. The boy suffered

a minor laceration on his back and some dehydration but was in

good condition at Ben Taub Hospital, Moore said. Ms. Levis has

a history of psychiatric problems and once made a public suicide

attempt, police said. She was in a psychiatric holding cell and

NEW YORK (R) - U.S. Drug and Customs Agents have seized

up to 5,000 kilogrammes of cocaine from a waterfront warehouse in New York City in what may be the second largest haul of

cocaine in U.S. history. The agents, aided by machine-gun

wielding police, raided the warebouse Friday night, officials said.

Mary Cooper, a spokeswoman for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) said the haul, estimated at up to 5,000

kilogrammes, could have a street value as high as \$880 million.

Officials had initially estimated the haul could net up to 8,000

kilogrammes. The 16-kilogramme bricks were stashed in 260

10-gallon (40-litre) drums under 15-centimetre layers of a highly

TOKYO (AP) - An intense earthquake off the Pacific coast of

northeastern Japan was recorded Sunday morning, the Central Meteorological Agency said. An agency official said the earthquake, measuring 6.0 on the Richter Scale, occurred at 5:12 a.m. (2012 GMT). The quake was centred at 150 kilometres off the

coast of Sanriku in Iwate prefecture, about 550 kilometres (341

miles) north east of Tokyo. Police said there were no immediate

reports of casualties or damage. No tidal waves or tsunami were

generated, the meteorological agency official said. The earth-

quake occurred in the same general area as a series of earlier tremors during the past several weeks. The largest of these was a quake Thursday which registered 7.3 on the Richter Scale.

Bush to keep Quayle as running mate

DHAKA (R) - Transport services were disrupted and many

businesses closed in Bangladesh Sunday following a general strike call by the opposition in a campaign to oust President Hossain

Mohammad Ershad. Hours before the strike took hold, three

students were wounded in shooting around midnight between

pro-and anti-government factions in Dhaka University, officials

said. Armed police patrolled main cities as the dawn-to-dusk

stoppage gripped the country despite a government plea to ignore

the strike and work normally. An opposition seven-party alliance

called the strike to renew a campaign to oust Ershad and demand

fresh elections under a neutral, caretaker government. The move

follows a similar, abortive campaign in 1987.

Intense quake recorded off Japan

will undergo testing, Sgt. Michael McGinty said.

caustic powder, sodium hydroxide.

Strike grips Bangladesh

Cocaine hoard found in New York

Mother held after threatening son

train, bus and car after Czechoslovakia, the only country for which East Germans require no visa, lifted its border controls by agreement with East Berlin. Most had come via West Ger-

man's embassy in Prague, which they had filled to overflowing in a bid to go to the West. A further 596 East Germans arrived over the past 24 hours from Hungary, the first country to open its borders for them.

Because they still need visas to enter Hungary, that route is now less attractive to would-be emigrants than the road through hardline Czechoslovakia.

Steib and his fiancee Manja Kamzol, 18, had travelled from East Berlin to Prague by train Firday night, expecting to join other refugees in the West German embassy. The next day they were on their way.

We want to live a good life now while we are young," Kam-zol said. "Regardless of what happens with the reforms we are not going back now. We are

staying here."
Few East Germans had any-

1940 as illegal.
In what is likely to strain rela-

tions with the Kremlin further,

the reform-minded Lithuanian

Communist Party is expected to

vote for separation of the local

party from the Soviet Communist

Party at a special congress on

Soviet leader Mikhail

Gorbachev, clearly worried at the

Communist Party, appealed to popular local party leader Algir-

das Brazanskas to put off the

congress until next year. His request was turned down.

zauskas increasingly embracing demands for full autonomy within

the Soviet Union, Cekuolis said

Sajudis did not see any reason to

rock the boat with a referendum

on full independence.

Aquino

**Filipinos** 

in Canada

VANCOUVER, British Col-umbia (AP) — Philippine Presi-

dent Corazon Aquino received a

hero's welcome from the local

Filipino community and urged

Canadian business people to in-

conver Filipino Community,

which numbers more than 20,000.

vest in her homeland.

meets

With the local party under Bra-

threat to the unity of the Soviet

Dec. 19.

thing good to say about their country's new leader, Egon Krenz, whose promises of reforms after replacing hardline leader Erich Honecker last month have failed to stop the

"This exodus will continue as long as Krenz is in power," said Walter Kolbow, a young father from near Magdeburg, at Mark-tredwitz Station. "You can read (about reform) in the papers now but it's just talk and very little will

About 200 of the town's 18,000 inhabitants were at Marktredwitz Station to greet the arrivals, who antomatically receive West German citizenship.

Red Cross workers handed out

box lunches and baby food during

an hour-long stop before the trains continued to reception centres throughout West Germany. More than 173,000 East Germans have fled to West Germany this year, including 100,000 legal immigrants. Most of the others came through Hungary or via West German embassies in Pra-

contra rebels are so great that a

Perez de Cuellar, briefing the Security Council late Friday, also said that if the United Nations had had its proposed peacekeeping operation in place in Central America, the situation in Nicaragua might not have deteriorated

The Nicaragnan government had requested the meeting, apparently pressing ahead with a dual strategy of trying to smash the contras in the field while were discovered in the sinking ters, making it unlikely there are any survivors trapped there." Unocal and Thai navy search teams fanned out over the Gulf in

East Germans arrive in Prague Wednesday after travel restrictions were lifted.

COLOMBO (R) — At least 45 Tamil rebels were killed in fierce

fighting Sunday between rival

groups in eastern Sri Lanka,

Sri Lankan troops were prepar-

ing to move into Akkaraipattu

town where fighting crupted after

the dominant Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) attacked

the camps of its rivals.
Initial reports said 39 men of

the Eelam People's Revolution-

ary Liberation Front (EPRLF)

and its allies, the Civilian Volun-

teer Force, were killed by the Tigers who lost six dead. Three

Residents said about 50 men

were abducted by the Tigers, who

captured weapons and one camp

at Tambattai village but fled into

the jungle after EPRLF rein-

It was the first time rebel

groups had fought each other

hull of the capsized gas-drilling

ship Seacrest in the Guif of Thai-

land Sunday, the ship's owner

Unocal Thailand said a video

recording made by a remotely

operated submersible found two

bodies in the 4,400 tonne ship's

identified. We will release his

name as soon as the family has

been notified," a Unocal press

Sixty-four Thais and 33 fore-

igners were aboard the Seacrest

which rolled over after typhoon

Gay hit the Gulf of Thailand

debating the political fallout.

Ron Brown, national chairman

of the Democratic Party, said

abortion has had an impact on the

Virginia, New Jersey and New

Yorks races and added that

Democratic candidates with their

pro-choice views "are on the right

"I think (President George)

Bush has dug himself a big hole

that he's going to be unable to extricate himself from He is tak-

ing a lot of Republicans down

with him," Brown said of Bush's

Publican National Chairman

Lee Atwater, without referring to

any individual Republican candi-

date, said: "Where you get into trouble on abortion is when you

do not clearly define your posi-

tion, when you appear to be all

side of the issue."

anti-abortion stance.

release said.

"One man has been positively

badly damaged living quarters.

civilians were also killed.

forcements arrived.

security sources said.

At least 45 Tamil rebels killed

since Indian troops withdrew

from the area on Oct. 24. The

Indians were preparing to pull

out from adjoining Batticaloa dis-

the island in July 1987 to put down a Tamil separatist rebel-

Residents have often expressed

fears of a bloodbath between the

Tigers and the EPRLF and its

allies after the Indians go.

"There is firing and shooting.
Shops have closed and streets are

deserted. The area is tense," an

Akkaraipattu resident said by

The attack occurred a day after

Vartharaja Perumal, chief minis-

ter of Sri Lanka's north east

council, told reporters that the

Tigers were planning to fight

2 bodies sighted in capsized

gas-drilling ship off Thailand

New Delhi has said it will try to call back by end-December the remaining 35,000 troops it sent to

in fierce Sri Lankan clashes

trict Monday.

telephone.

BANGKOK (R) - Two bodies little or no air in the living quar-

boats, planes and belicopters for a second day looking for other crewmembers of the Seacrest as well as a more than 140 Thai fisherman missing after the storm abated Saturday. Thai officials said Sunday

morning that a total of 16 Thai fishermen had been hauled out of the gulf since the powerful storm, a rarity in the area.

Unocal said their remotely operated submersible discovered the top 15 metres of the vessel's derrick and one of its massive

"The remotely operated vehithe Seacrest's liferafts or boats is

al storm. Unocal Thailand said its natural gas production in the Gulf of

Thailand was expected to return to normal Sunday.

"The LTTE is preparing for

Residents said Perumal had

war," said Perumal whose EPRLF guerilla group controls

asked the central government to

send troops to quell the Tigers.

morning sea-and-land attacks and

pounded the camps with

machinegun and artillery fire.

"People said they saw some attackers come in boats," the Akkaraipattu, resident said.

Security sonrces said some

EPRLF men killed, belonged to

the Tamil National Army (TNA),

a private militia formed to fight

Perumal Saturday denied the existence of this army and said only the Civilian Volunteer

Force, composed of mainly

EPRLF men, and the police were

The inverted hull was three

metres out of the water, and

expected to continue sinking

slowly. Currents around the Seac-

rest were hindering underwater

operations, Unocal said. The search was expanded north-

wards beyond the 1,500-square

kilometre area combed by boats,

planes and helicopters Saturday,

Rescue work was broken off in

the first hour of Sunday because

of darkness and dangerous seas

churned by typhoon Gay Friday

and Saturday. It resumed after

Gay crossed the southern Thai

isthmus into the Andaman Sea

Saturday and dissipated to tropic-

the Thai navy said.

dawn.

The Tigers launched early

the Indian-backed council.

#### Witness ignores cries for help

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A tavem manager said he ignored cries for help from a woman who was gang-raped by as many as 11 men because his bar was closed and he didn't want to get involved. The woman, 21, told polce she was gang-raped and beaten by 10 or 11 men about 3 a.m. in the V run-down working class neighbourhood. She was treated for rape and numerous cuts and bruises at a hospital and then, released. "She came banging on the door, she was screaming and bollering," Willie Johnson, manager of the Shangri-La Lounge, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "She was pulling on the bars of the door. I told her to go away. A guy picked her up and took her back behind the alley." Asked what he did then, Johnson replied: "I didn't do anything. It might have been a set up for me." Johnson's wife, Ernestine, who owns the tavern, agreed with her husband's decision to do nothing. Expesting Johnson had not been aware of the attack while it was in progress. "In this business, when : you're in a cash business, your can't trust anybody," Ernestine Johnson said. "These women get. into it with men all the time." Police arrested three of the alleged assailants. In addition to rape, they could face charges of sodomy, armed criminal, action and kidnapping, police spokes-woman Linda Hancock said. Sex crimes detective Mark Chambers said the victim was also pistolwhipped and cut on the hand with

#### Fonda's daughter to do community

service NEW YORK (AP) - A judge ordered Vanessa Vadim, daughter of actress Jane Fonda, to do three days of community service for interfering with police when they arrested her boyfriend last month on drug charges. Manhattan criminal court Judge Judy Kluge adjourned the case Friday and told Ms. Vadim that if she does the community service a required and stays out of trouble for the next six months, the complaint will be dismissed. Assistant District Attorney Paul Shechtman said an agreement would be worked out within the week on whether Vadim will do the com- the ar munity service in New York or in the xame Providence, Rhode Island, where is with she is a student at Brown University. Ms. Vadim, 21, was arrested Oct. 6 on Manhattan's Lower East Side, where her boyfriend, New York University student Thomas Feegal, was allegedly buying heroin. As police seized Feegal, Ms. Vadim reportedly got between him and a policeman and said, "If you're going to arrest him, you have to arrest me." Police charged her with obstructing government administration, disorderly conduct and

#### Feegal's arrest by "intimidation, physical force and interference." **Brooklyn grows** them bigger

loitering. The police complaint

alleged that she tried to prevent

NEW YORK (AP) — A 1.88inch (4.8 centimetre) cockroach found in a Brooklyn apartment defeated entries from Texas and Florida to be declared the biggest specimen of its genus for this year. The roach was given the award posthumously, having been dead for several weeks. However, the man who found the Periplaneta Americana in his home, Peter Roman, won \$1,000 and a lifetime supply of roach killer from Combat Roach Control System. "I'm sure he'll be very happy," said Barry Glass, president of Big Apple Pest Control, who accepted the award for an absent Roman.

### Global weather

(major world cities)

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gue and Warsaw.

UNITED NATIONS (R) - The U.N. secretary general has said the differences between the Nicaraguan government and the meeting between both sides should not be delayed, diplomats

The United Nations confirmed that a meeting between the Sandinista government and the U.S.backed rebels was called off for Monday but said it was seeking a session at a later date, a spokesman said.

According to diplomats, Javier

The secretary general has asked the council to approve a 625-person task force to control cross-border movements of arms, such as clandestine assistance to the contras inside Nicaragua and to guerrillas fighting the govern-

On Saturday, the first day of her state visit to Canada, Mrs. Aquino basked in applause from about 1,200 members of the Vanpursuing peace talks.

"You are not just a head of state, you are not just the presi-WASHINGTON (AP) - Politicdeut of the Philippines, you are our Cory," said Arturo Alafriz, a al contests could give the United States its first black governor and Vancouver lawyer who helped New York City its first black stage the reception. mayor when election polls close Mrs. Aquino was on a four-day

visit to Canada, the first ever by a Phippine president. Joined by a trade and government delegation, she travels to Toronto Sunday before meeting Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in Ottawa Monday to sign several bilateral

About 30 demonstrators protesting the Philippine military's human rights record met Mrs. Aquino as she arrived at the Vancouver trade and convention centre to address business leaders, then appear at a sold-out reception organised by local Fili-

## U.N. seeks Nicaraguan rivals

ment of El Salvador.

The contras and the Sandinista government had been invited to meet at U.N. headquarters by the International Commission for Verification and Support, set up to help disband the contras under a Central American peace plan.

L. Douglas Wilder is seeking

the governorship of Virginia and

David Dinkins is the Democratic

Party's nominee for mayor of

The off-year voting is also being watched for shifting senti-

ment on abortion and racial

The heightened concern over

abortion stems from a supreme

court ruling last summer permit-

ting states to impose greater res-

trictions on women seeking to

terminate their pregnancies, and

already the two major parties,

Republicans and Democratis, are

New York.

area to be so badly damaged that it "(leads) us to believe there is

cranes were gone.

Unocal said exploration of the hull revealed the crew berthing cle also determined that none of now on board," Unocal said.

Abortion — a major issue in U.S. elections

over the lot on it." Atwater, who managed Bush's successful 1988 campaign, noted that Bush's opposition to abor-Dozens of referendums dot tion did not damage him last year. In other balloting Tuesday, 11

candidates are vying to replace Rep. Mickey Leland of Texas, killed last summer in a plane crash in Ethiopia. The line-up of big city elections

includes Detroit, where 71-yearold Democrat Coleman Young seeks a fifth term, and Cleveland, Ohio, where Democrats George Forbes and Michael White are staging a bare-knuckled political brawl for city hall.

John C. Daniels is favoured to win office as the first black mayor in mostly white New Haven, Coo-

necticut, while Norm Rice is out for the same honour in Seattle against Republican Norm Jewett.

election ballots, including in San Francisco, where voters will decide whether to spend \$115 mil-fion to replace the city's windswept baseball and football stadium, Candlestick Park.

In a campaign prefude to 1990 elections with 34 Senate seats, 36 governorships and 435 House seats, abortion has become a prominent issue.

"The issue was cooler before" the supreme court's ruling, Atwater said, but added: "I maintain it is not going to be a national driving issue in 1990. It's going to be an issue on a race-by-race

## KGB chief acknowledges Stalinist excesses

DALLAS (AP) - President George Bush said he intends to keep Vice President Dan Quayle on the ticket in 1922 because Quayle MOSCOW (AP) - The KGB is doing an outstanding job and because "his heart is in it." Bush's endorsement of the vice president marked his first explicit statement that he would retain Quayle if he seeks re-election. Quayle's press secretary, David Beckwith, said Saturday that the vice president would have no comment on Bush's remarks. "He's doing a very good job, an outstanding job," Bush said in an pen again. interview with the Dallas Morning News, adding that Quayle is "doing exactly what I want him to do and doing it because his

The speech by Vladimir A. Kryuchkov in a traditional Kremlin gathering ahead of Tuesday's celebration of the 1917 revolution

It was another step in Kryuchkov's effort since becoming KGB chief a year ago to open the secret service partially and put its fear-ful reputation behind it. The speech kicked off a holiday celebration that will include the traditional military parade in Red Square that officials already have said will be more modest than in

Stalin's cult of personality "distorted the institutions of Soviet

organs, (and) were turned into a weapon of Stalin's arbitrary rule." Kryuchkov said.

"There is no justification for the mass repression and cruelty often inflicted on behalf of the revolution, the party and the people," the KGB chief said.

"We bow our heads in memory of the innocent victims. This is a moral purification for us all and a guarantee that it will never happen again, never."

The Stalin period of 1924-1953 now is widely criticised in the Soviet Union for the murder and imprisonment of millions of innocent citizens. The KGB has been among the last to acknowledge its part in the terror.

Since becoming head of the KGB on Oct. 1, 1988, Kryuchkov

tional terrorism and drug trafficking, granted interviews to Soviet and foreign press and allowed a government news agency to make a movie about his organisation. On Thursday, five KGB officers answered questions on a national TV call-in programme.

Kremlin, the KGB chief was made a full member of the ruling Communist Party politburo in September.

Kryuchkov rejected arguments try and of the party as consisting of mistakes only," he said.

Gorbachev and the rest of the politburo and government leaders, Kryuchkov sounded a conciliatory note as he discussed the social and economic problems piling up in the country.

The KGB chief called for "coneration of electricity.

Despite a han on many strikes passed by the Supreme Soviet legislature last month, many coal miners in the Arctic area of Vorkuta walked off the job again this

by difficult labour and social conditions, and often demands of strikes are justified though may not be immediately feasible," he

The party also deserves criticism, he said. Some criticism goes "beyond

the limits of objectiveness, of reason and even of decency," Kryuchkov said. "However, we cannot ignore the fact that many critical remarks addressed to the party are justified. The party will have to part with administrativecommand methods, to gradually correct mistakes, to work out a new strategy and do its best to

regain people's trust in it." But, echoing Gorbachev, the KGB chief stressed that Soviets must learn to work harder. He told the nation that Americans are twice as productive at work as Soviets and that "we'll live better only on condition that everyone starts to work better."

#### Speaking before a rostrum that included President Mikhail S. power and law enforcement has pushed cooperation with foreign secret services on internabodies, including state security

chief acknowledged in a celebration of the Bolshevik Revolution the responsibility of secret police in Stalin's terror and vowed that such excesses would never hap-

was shown on national television.

In a sign of his standing in the

that the Stalinist terror was a logical outcome of Lenin's revolution that brought the Boisheviks to power in 1917. "We will become spiritually poor if we represent the history of our counsaid.

structive dialogue" to prevent strikes from further hampering the economy. Officials have warned that strikes this summer cut into the supply of coal set aside for winter heating and gen-

past week.

"In many cases they are caused